



Los Angeles County  
Department of Regional Planning

*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*



Richard J. Bruckner  
Director

April 14, 2011

Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room 383  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PROJECT NO. R2006-02726-(4)  
COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 200600003  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 200600223  
PARKING PERMIT NO. 200600015  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 200600177  
APPLICANT: HOLIDAY-PANAY WAY MARINA L.P.  
PLAYA DEL REY ZONED DISTRICT  
FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT (3-VOTE)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Certify the Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") including: Draft EIR, Final EIR and Mitigation Monitoring Program ("MMP"), and adopt the Environmental Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations for Project No. R2006-02726-(4).
2. Indicate the Board's intent to approve Project No. R2006-02726-(4) including Coastal Development Permit No. 200600003, Conditional Use Permit No. 200600223 and Parking Permit No. 200600015.
3. Instruct County Counsel to prepare the necessary Findings and Conditions to affirm the Regional Planning Commission's approval of Project No. R2006-02726-(4) including Coastal Development Permit No. 200600003, Conditional Use Permit No. 200600223 and Parking Permit No. 200600015.

### **JUSTIFICATION FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission ("Planning Commission") conducted public hearings on a request to authorize the removal of an existing commercial facility and the development of a new commercial complex with 2,916 square feet of retail uses, 11,432 square feet of marine commercial uses, a 5,000 square foot yacht club, 6,000 square foot health club, an adjacent waterfront public pedestrian promenade, a 447 space six-level parking structure and a public plaza on Marina del Rey Parcel 21 ("Project"), on October 21, 2009, November 11, 2009, December 16, 2009, April 07, 2010 and April 28, 2010. At the April 28, 2010 hearing, the Regional Planning Commission unanimously approved Project No. R2006-02726-(4); including Coastal Development Permit No. 200600003, Conditional Use Permit No. 200600223 and Parking Permit No. 200600015 and certified the associated Environmental Impact Report ("EIR").

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Reaffirming the Planning Commission's approval of the project should not result in any new significant costs to the County or to the Department of Regional Planning; no request for financing is being made.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Planning Commission has found that the project, to develop a commercial complex, is consistent with the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program ("LCP") and the Los Angeles County Zoning Code. The Project meets the necessary findings for a Coastal Development Permit pursuant to the Coastal Act and the Los Angeles County Code. Furthermore, the Project meets the necessary findings for a Conditional Use Permit and Parking Permit pursuant to the applicable Los Angeles County Zoning Code.

Following the approval of the Project, We Are Marina del Rey ("Appellant"), appealed the Project to the Board of Supervisors, stating that: the project was in violation of the Coastal Act and the Marina del Rey LCP; the EIR is inadequate; and that project was heard prematurely in violation of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA").

Pursuant to subsection A of Section 22.60.230 of the County Code, the Appellant appealed the Regional Planning Commission's approval to the Board of Supervisors on May 10, 2010. A public hearing is required pursuant to Section 22.60.240 of the County Code and Sections 65335 and 65856 of the Government Code. Notice of the hearing must be given pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 22.60.174 of the County Code. These procedures exceed the minimum standards of Government Code Sections 6061, 65090, 65355, and 65856 relating to notice of public hearing.



**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

An Initial Study was prepared for the proposed project in compliance with CEQA (Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines of the County of Los Angeles. The Initial Study analyzed the commercial complex along with a senior facility on Marina del Rey Parcel OT. The Initial Study, when viewing the projects cumulatively, found potentially significant impacts related to Geotechnical (liquefaction area), Noise (construction), Water Quality, Air Quality, Visual Qualities, Traffic/Access, Utilities, and Land Use.

A Draft EIR was prepared and circulated for agency and public review. When the project is viewed on an individual basis, the Draft EIR determined that potential visual quality impacts cannot be reduced to levels of insignificance through the implementation of mitigation measures either at the project level or when viewed cumulatively. The Draft EIR also found that when the project is viewed cumulatively with other projects in the area, significant and unavoidable impacts related to traffic would occur.

Following Planning Commission review of the document, the Department of Regional Planning prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR"), Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the project.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

Action on the proposed Coastal Development Permit, Conditional Use Permit, and Parking Permit is not anticipated to have a negative impact on current services.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard J. Bruckner  
Director

Attachments: Planning Commission Hearing Package and Environmental Impact Report

c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Director, Department of Public Works  
Chief, County Fire Department  
Director, Department of Public Health

RJB:JS:SZD:MRT

Date May 10, 2010

Mr. Don Ashton  
Deputy Executive Officer  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Room 383, Kenneth Hahn  
Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Ashton:

Subject: Project No. R2006-02726/Coastal Development Permit No. 200600003

Use: replace existing on-site uses with new marine commercial uses, a public  
park plaza and promenade, and on-site public parking.

Address Parcel 21, 14025 Panay Way, Marina del Rey CA 90292

Playa del Rey Zoned District

Related zoning matters:

Tract or Parcel Map No. \_\_\_\_\_

Change of Zone Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Other Conditional Use Permit #200600223, Parking Permit #200600015

This is a notice of appeal from the decision of the Regional Planning Commission on:  
(Check One)

☐ The Denial of this request

☒ The Approval of this request

☐ The following conditions of the approval:

Briefly, the reason for this appeal is as follows:

see attached page (1)

Enclosed is a check (or money order) in the total amount of \$ 789.  
The amount of \$1,578.00 for applicants or \$789.00 for non-applicants is to cover the  
Regional Planning Department's processing fee.

Nancy Vernon Marino for We ARE Marina del Rey  
(Signed) Appellant *co-director*

We ARE Marina del Rey Nancy Vernon Marino, co-director  
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**Appeal of Project No. R2006-02726/Coastal Development Permit No. 200600003**  
**Appellant: We ARE Marina del Rey    May 10, 2010**

Project No. R2006-02726/Coastal Development Permit No. 200600003 (the Project) shared an EIR and project hearings with one related project requiring a coastal development permit (Project # R2006-01510). Both projects should have been called up for Board review so that these related projects could be heard concurrently.

The decision by the Regional Planning Commission on April 28, 2010 to approve the Project is being appealed because the Project is inconsistent with the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program (MdR LCP) and the California Coastal Act (Coastal Act) and warrants an appeal hearing. Reference is made to the substantial oral and written testimony previously submitted on the record opposing the Project and is incorporated herein. Additionally, the Project hearings held by the Regional Planning Commission were in violation of the Brown Act.

The Project is inconsistent with the Coastal Act and the MdR LCP.

The Project was heard prematurely and was piecemealed in violation of the California Environmental Quality Act.

The Project's EIR, among other things, failed to sufficiently analyze impacts and must be recirculated.



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May 4, 2010

**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Goldrich and Kest  
5150 Overland Blvd  
Culver City, CA 90230  
Attention: Sherman Gardner

**REGARDING: Project R2006-02726**  
**RCDP200600003-(4)**  
**RCUP200600223-(4)**  
**RPKP200600015-(4)**

Dear Mr. Gardner:

A public hearing on the above-mentioned cases was held before the Regional Planning Commission of Los Angeles County ("Commission") on October 21, 2009, November 4, 2009, December 16, 2009, April 7, 2010, and April 28, 2010.

After considering the evidence presented, the Commission certified the Final Environmental Impact Report and approved the Coastal Development Permit, Conditional Use Permit and Parking Permit on April 28, 2010, in accordance with Title 22 of the County Code (Zoning Ordinance).

The Commission's action on the Coastal Development permit authorizes construction of a new 29,348 commercial facility with an attached six-level parking structure containing 447 parking spaces and a 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade.

The Commission's action on the Conditional Use Permit authorizes a parking structure, a yacht club, 2,916 square feet of Visitor Serving/Convenience Commercial uses and a 10,000 square foot health club.

The Commission's action on the Parking Permit authorizes the transfer of 94 of the required public parking spaces on Parcel OT to Parcel 21.

The Regional Planning Commission, by its action of April 28, 2010, **APPROVED** the above described project and entitlements. The attached documents contain the Regional Planning Commission's findings and conditions relating to the approval. Please carefully review each condition. Condition No. 2 requires that the permittee file an affidavit accepting the conditions before the grants becomes effective.

The applicant or and other interested person may appeal the Regional Planning Commission's decision to the Board of Supervisors through the office of Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer, Room 383, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. Please contact the Executive Office for the amount of the appeal fee at (213) 974-1426. **The appeal period for this project will end at 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2010.** Any appeal must be delivered in person to the Executive Office by this time. If no appeal is filed during the specified period, the Regional Planning Commission action is final.

Upon completion of the appeal period, please notarize the attached acceptance forms and **hand deliver** this form and any other required fees or materials to the planner assigned to your case. Please **make an appointment** with the case planner to assure that processing will be completed expeditiously.

For further information on appeal procedures or any other matter pertaining to these approvals, please contact Michael Tripp at (213) 974-4813 or e-mail at [marinaplanner@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:marinaplanner@planning.lacounty.gov). Our office hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. We are closed on Fridays.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING  
Richard Bruckner  
Director



Samuel Z. Dea, Supervising Regional Planner  
Special Projects Section

Enclosures: Findings and Conditions, Final Environmental Impact Report, Affidavit of Acceptance

c: BOS, Testifiers, California Coastal Commission

**Project No. R2006-02726-(4)**  
**Coastal Development Permit No. RCDP200600003**  
**Conditional Use Permit No. RCUP200600223**  
**Parking Permit No. RPKP200600015**

**FINDINGS AND ORDER OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING DATES: October 21, 2009; November 4, 2009; December 16, 2009; April 7, 2010; April 28, 2010**

**SYNOPSIS:**

The applicant, Holiday-Panay Way Marina L.P., is requesting approval to demolish an existing commercial facility on Marina del Rey Parcel 21, and to subsequently construct a new 29,348 square foot commercial facility with an attached six-level parking structure containing 447 parking spaces and a 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade. The facility consists of two 56 foot tall buildings, the commercial building, and the attached parking structure. The subject Parcel 21 is located on Panay Way east of the intersection of Via Marina and Panay Way, with a frontage on Panay Way. Associated land use entitlements for the project consist of a **Coastal Development Permit** to authorize demolition of all existing landside improvements and subsequent construction of the aforementioned landside improvements on Parcel 21; a **Conditional Use Permit** to authorize a parking structure, a yacht club, 2,916 square feet of Visitor Serving/ Convenience Commercial uses and a 10,000 square foot health club on a parcel with a Marine Commercial Land Use Category and a Waterfront Overlay Zone; and a **Parking Permit** to authorize the transfer of 94 of the required public parking spaces on Parcel OT to Parcel 21.

**PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COMMISSION:**

**October 21, 2009 Public Hearing**

The Regional Planning Commission (Commission) held a duly noticed public hearing regarding the subject project on October 21, 2009. At this hearing (and at each of the Commission's public hearing meetings described below), the Commission conducted concurrent public hearings regarding the subject project and the following proposed Marina development project:

- Project No. R2006-01510, a request to develop a 114-unit senior accommodations facility on Parcel OT. The six level building would also contain 3,500 square feet of Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial space and 161 parking spaces, 92 of which would be reserved for public use.

At the October 21, 2009 public hearing on the subject project and associated requested land use entitlements (and at each subsequent Commission hearing described below regarding the project), the Commission considered a single, comprehensive Environmental Impact Report evaluating the potential project-specific and cumulative environmental impacts



associated with the subject project and the above-described proposed development project on Marina del Rey Parcel OT.

### **Proponent Testimony**

The project applicants and three (3) members of the public testified in favor of the request. Proponent testified that the proposed project would modernize and improve services to marine businesses and boaters at the site.

### **Opposition Testimony**

Six (6) persons testified in opposition. Opposition testimony raised the following issues:

- The County is piecemealing development projects and needs to create a master plan for the Marina;
- The Marina del Rey Design Control Board was against this project and did not approve it; and
- The County is preparing a Major LCP amendment that contains Cumulative Impact Assessment. No projects should be approved by the Regional Planning Commission until the LCP Amendment and Cumulative Impact Assessment have been heard;

At the conclusion of the October 21, 2009 hearing, the Commission directed staff to prepare a summary of the various concerns that were expressed by the testifiers and instructed the applicant to respond to the concerns raised by the opponents. The Commission continued the hearing to February 10, 2010.

### **November 4, 2009 Public Hearing**

Prior to the February 10, 2010 hearing, a letter was received from the Department of Beaches and Harbors requesting that an earlier hearing date be considered. The Commission considered the letter as a discussion item at the November 4, 2009 hearing and voted unanimously to change the continued hearing date to December 16, 2009. Commissioners Bellamy, Rew, Valadez, and Helsely were present. Commissioner Modugno was absent.

### **December 16, 2009 Public Hearing**

On December 16, 2009, a duly noticed public hearing was held. All Commissioners were present at this hearing. During the hearing, the Commission heard the staff presentation and testimony from the project applicant and interested members of the public. Commissioner Valadez stated that additional public amenities be provided on the proposed pedestrian promenade redesign. At the conclusion of the hearing the applicants were directed to return to the Marina del Rey Design Control Board for further review of the project's pedestrian

promenade. The Commission then continued the hearing to April 7, 2010. Commissioners Bellamy, Rew, Valadez, Helsley and Modugno were present.

### **Proponent Testimony**

The applicants and one (1) member of the public testified in favor of the project.

### **Opposition Testimony**

Six (6) individuals testified in opposition to the project at the hearing. Opposition testimony raised the following issues:

- The DEIR underestimated the impact of truck trips related to grading and debris removal; and
- The project in its current form was not reviewed by the Marina del Rey Design Control Board.

### **April 7, 2010 Public Hearing**

The Commission held a continued public hearing on April 7, 2010. At the hearing, staff informed the Commission that additional time was needed to prepare the Final Environmental Impact Report and other final documentation for the Commission's consideration. The Regional Planning Commission continued the public hearing to April 28, 2010 and instructed the applicant to present the new promenade designs at the continued hearing.

### **April 28, 2010 Public Hearing**

The Commission held a continued public hearing on April 28, 2010. All of the Commissioner's were present. At the hearing, staff provided a brief summary of the proposed project and the project applicant provided a presentation of project changes that were made following the February 17, 2010 Design Control Board's review of the project. Prior to the public hearing, the applicant submitted a request to withdraw the proposed Plan Amendment associated with the project.

Four (4) persons testified in opposition to the proposed project. Opposition testimony raised the following issues:

- That the project should not be considered without proposed Plan Amendment;
- The project is inconsistent with the Local Coastal Program;
- A pedestrian promenade is not an adequate source of recreation;
- The senior project should be built on Parcel 21, not a Marine Commercial project; and
- The Final Environmental Impact Report misrepresented the parcel's frontage.

Following the opposition testimony, the consultant for the applicant provided a rebuttal to the issues raised regarding the project's Local Coastal Program consistency. Staff then explained how the view corridor was calculated and provided the parcel frontage with and without the proposed Plan Amendment.

At the conclusion of the applicant's rebuttal and the clarifications provided by staff, the Commission discussed the project. The Commissioners Valadez and Helsley stated that they wanted to ensure that the pedestrian amenities were made of high quality materials that would be consistent with what has been proposed elsewhere in the Marina. Commission Valadez directed that the project should be conditioned to require post-entitlement review by the Design Control Board and that the Director of Planning will have a final review of the pedestrian amenities.

On a motion by Commissioner Modugno, seconded by Commissioner Valadez, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the project with the revised conditions and to accept the withdrawal of the plan amendment request.

### Findings

1. The applicant, Holiday-Panay Way Marina L.P., is requesting approval to demolish an existing commercial facility on Marina del Rey Parcel 21, and to subsequently construct a new 29,348 commercial facility with an attached six-level parking structure containing 447 parking spaces and a 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade. The facility consists of two 56 foot tall buildings, the commercial building, and the attached parking structure. The subject Parcel 21 is located on Panay Way east of the intersection of Via Marina and Panay Way, with a frontage on Panay Way. Associated land use entitlements for the project consist of a **Coastal Development Permit** to authorize demolition of all existing landside improvements and subsequent construction of the aforementioned landside improvements on Parcel 21; a **Conditional Use Permit** to authorize a parking structure, a yacht club, 2,916 square feet of Visitor Serving/ Convenience Commercial uses and a 10,000 square foot health club; and a **Parking Permit** to authorize the transfer of 94 of the required public parking spaces on Parcel OT to Parcel 21. Collectively, the requested land use permits for the project are to referred herein as the "Project Permits."
2. The 2.55-acre subject property, known as Marina del Rey "Parcel 21," is located in the Playa del Rey Zoned District near the northeast corner of the intersection of Via Marina and Panay Way in the County of Los Angeles unincorporated community of Marina del Rey. Panay Way fronts the subject property to the south; Marina del Rey Parcel GR adjoins the subject to the west; Marina del Rey Parcel 18 adjoins the subject parcel to the east; and Marina Basin D adjoins the subject property to the north;

4. The subject property is zoned "Specific Plan" within the Marina Del Rey Local Coastal Program (LCP). The subject parcel's existing land use designation per the LCP is Marine Commercial with a Waterfront Overlay Zone.
5. Zoning designations on the surrounding properties consist of the following:  
  
North: Water (per MDR Specific Plan)  
  
South: Residential IV (WOZ) (per MDR Specific Plan)  
  
West: Parking (per MDR Specific Plan)  
  
East: Marine Commercial and Residential III (per MDR Specific Plan)
6. The subject property is currently developed with two commercial buildings that are two stories in height, two boater serving buildings that are one story in height and a paved at grade parking area with 192 parking spaces.
7. Land Use on surrounding properties consists of the following:  
  
North: Marina del Rey Basin D, Marina Beach, boat storage, and Multi-family residential (rental apartments)  
  
South: Multi-family residential (rental apartments)  
  
West: Public Parking Multi-family residential (rental apartments)  
  
East: Multi-family residential (rental apartments)
8. No zoning enforcement actions or zoning permit cases were found for the subject property. In April of 1967, Plot Plan 16015 was approved for a 4,056 square foot administration building, two boater serving buildings, a 226 space parking lot and 28,848 square feet of dock space.
9. The site plan depicts the two proposed structures which consist of a 29,348 square foot commercial center on the western side of the parcel and a six-level parking structure containing 447 spaces located on the eastern portion of the parcel the 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade. The two structures are connected by a ramp on the third level which is dedicated to parking. The proposed structures have a maximum roof height of 56' above grade. The façade extends to a maximum height of 59 feet. The proposed commercial building is comprised of four levels with the first two levels containing the health club, Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial and marine commercial uses, a third floor dedicated to parking, with 49 parking spaces, and the fourth floor containing a yacht club. The first floor of the commercial building also depicts the proposed boater

restrooms and showers. The plan depicts the yacht club comprising a large dining room, commercial kitchen, office, food storage area, public and employee restrooms, and a large deck which extends along the entire fourth floor.

10. The site plan depicts a vehicular entrance/exit into the building garage, via the 26-foot wide driveway provided on the southerly portion of the parcel on Panay Way.
11. The Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program (LCP) provides development guidelines for the unincorporated community of Marina del Rey. The Marina del Rey LCP consists of two sets of inter-related requirements: the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan (land use policies) and the Local Implementation Program or Specific Plan (development-specific requirements).
12. Consistent with Marina del Rey Specific Plan requirements, the project has been reviewed and conceptually approved by the Department of Beaches & Harbors' Design Control Board ("DCB"). In rendering its conceptual approval for the project, the DCB found the proposed project to be in conformity with the various public access, height, circulation, building massing, visual impact and view requirements of the LCP.
13. The Applicant has submitted a preliminary geotechnical report to County Department of Public Works (a copy of this report is included in the EIR appendices) as part of its application filing, the content of which is compliant with LCP requirements; site development will be based on thorough site-specific geologic and soils studies, including specific geotechnical studies related to mitigation of liquefaction and lateral spreading. The project has also been designed to utilize earthquake resistant construction and engineering practices, in compliance with applicable County and state regulations and ordinances.
14. The applicant has been conditioned to conduct site development in conformity with the archeological reporting requirements specified in Section 22.46.1190.2.a-c of the County Code.
15. To ensure project consistency with Section 22.46.1190.A.3 of the County Code, the applicant has been conditioned to implement a functional transportation systems management (TSM)/Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program.
16. The Commission hereby finds the proposed development project conforms to the phasing schedules in the LCP because:
  - With development of the project, there will be no significant, unmitigated peak-hour project-specific adverse traffic impacts created as a result of project development;

- The County-approved traffic study for the project indicates there is sufficient traffic capacity in both the Marina del Rey internal system and the sub-regional highway system serving the Marina to accommodate the traffic generated by the modest planned development; and
  - The project will be in full conformity with the build-out limitations of the LCP specified for Panay Development Zone.
17. Sections 22.46.1090 and 22.46.1100 of the County Code and the LUP require, among other things, that the applicant demonstrate that there is sufficient traffic capacity in both the internal Marina del Rey road system and the subregional highway system serving the Marina to accommodate traffic generated by the development. The certified Environmental Impact Report for the project includes a traffic report that was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the LCP and LUP and which was reviewed and approved by the Traffic & Lighting Division of the County Department of Public Works. The approved traffic report for the project demonstrates there is adequate internal and subregional traffic capacity to support the project, and identifies specific traffic improvements intended to mitigate the project's potentially significant direct and cumulative impacts, which mitigation measures have been incorporated into the Mitigation Monitoring Program approved for the project in conjunction with certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report. In accordance with LCP requirements, the applicant has been conditioned to pay traffic mitigation fees of \$5,690 per p.m. peak hour trip generated by the project, to be allocated as follows:
- a. \$1,600 per p.m. peak hour trip will be paid by the applicant into the County-administered Transportation Improvement Program to offset project impacts to the internal Marina circulation system (Category 1 improvements identified in Appendix G to the LCP); and
  - b. \$4,090 per p.m. peak hour trip will be paid by the applicant into the County-administered Transportation Improvement Program to offset the project's proportional share of the cumulative impacts of Marina development on the subregional transportation system (Category 3 improvements identified in Appendix G of the certified LCP).
18. Pursuant to the LCP, parcels located between the water and the first public road must provide a view corridor allowing uninterrupted views of the harbor from the road to the waterside, at ground level. As depicted on the view corridor exhibit submitted by the applicant, the Commission finds the applicant has provided view corridors consistent with LCP requirements--i.e., a view corridor comprising 28.5% of the parcel's water frontage is being provided, consistent with LCP view corridor requirements for the proposed 56-foot-tall apartment building.

19. The project is consistent with LCP standards calling for the provision of a continuous 28-foot-wide pedestrian promenade along the parcel's bulkhead. Seating, landscaping, lighting, trash receptacles, and bicycle racks have been provided along the parcel's bulkhead, consistent with LCP requirements.
20. Consistent with LCP requirements, the Commission finds more than 10 percent of the net lot area will be landscaped and building coverage is less than 90 percent of the net lot area.
21. On-site parking has been programmed for the project consistent with the parking standards of the County Zoning Ordinance. The applicant has been conditioned to provide at least 447 on-site parking spaces. Consistent with County Code parking requirements, 170 of these spaces are for the uses on Parcel 21, 183 spaces are dedicated to boater parking and 94 are public parking spaces that are a replacement for the spaces that were formerly and Parcel OT.
22. The buildings will be sprinklered, in conformance with County Fire Department requirements. Emergency access to all structures and common areas of the project will be provided to the satisfaction of the County Fire Department. The applicant has been conditioned to secure Fire Department approval of a "Fire Safety Plan" prior to issuance of a building permit.
23. The project landscaping along site perimeters will maintain a minimum width of eight feet and will allow visual access into the lot, as required by the LCP.
24. The project infrastructure has been designed, and will be constructed by the applicant, in an environmentally sensitive manner, and will follow design policies of the LCP, including landscaping standards required by the DCB. The project will be subject to the County's newly-enacted Green Building and Drought-Tolerant Landscape ordinances.
25. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #1 of the LUP (Public Access to Shoreline a Priority), the project provides public pedestrian access and ensures passive recreational use to and along all portions of the Parcel 21 bulkhead, in conformance with Sections 30210-30212 of the California Coastal Act and Chapter 1 ("Shoreline Access") of the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan. The project implements this key Public Shoreline Access policy through provision of 28-foot-wide public pedestrian promenade along the parcel bulkhead; through provision of public views to the water from the public street fronting the project (Panay Way), consistent with LCP view corridor requirements; In furtherance of these important shoreline access policies, the applicant has been conditioned to provide signage at the project's entrances and at each bulkhead entrance of each public lateral access way identifying these as public access ways. The applicant has also been conditioned to provide signage at conspicuous locations along the length of the bulkhead public access ways (public promenade) identifying the access ways as public.



26. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #2 of the LUP, the project enhances public access to the waterfront by constructing a 28-foot-wide public pedestrian promenade along the entire water frontage of Parcel 21.
27. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #3 of the LUP, the project design will provide public access to and along the shoreline through provision of a 28-footwide waterfront pedestrian promenade and public lateral access ways across the site from Panay Way to the public waterfront promenade. Development adjacent to the bulkhead (i.e., public promenade) will provide pedestrian access ways, benches and rest areas along the bulkhead.
28. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #4 of the LUP, the project provides for public access from public roads fronting the project to the shoreline along all fire roads and across all dedicated project open space areas; such access ways will be conspicuously signed at entrances from the public street (i.e., from Panay Way).
29. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #11 of the LUP, the project has been conditioned to require the applicant to pay a proportional share of the funding of the potential shuttle system through collection of Category 3 traffic mitigation fees. The combined traffic mitigation fees for the projects on Parcels OT and 21 are estimated to be \$122,940.
30. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #12 of the LUP, the project applicant has been conditioned to pay all required Category 3 traffic mitigation fees. The County Department of Public Works, which administers the fees, may use a portion of the fees to fund establishment of a public shuttle service in the Marina.
31. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #13 of the LUP, the project has been conditioned to incorporate directional signage, outdoor exhibits and brochures to enhance public awareness of shoreline access ways and public areas, to include: i) conspicuous signage regarding public waterside access (public promenade and nearby wetland park on Parcel 9U); ii) outdoor map indicating the location and type of public access ways and parks located in Marina del Rey; and iii) kiosk within the commercial complex containing information on visitor-serving activities in the Marina.
32. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #14 of the LUP, the applicant's development of a new 28-foot-wide public pedestrian promenade and amenities along the parcel's entire waterfront will allow the public substantial viewing opportunities of the small craft harbor water areas.
33. Consistent with Recreation & Visitor-Serving Facilities Policy #2 of the LUP, the project provides enhanced recreational opportunities through its development of a new 28-foot-wide public pedestrian promenade along the entire waterfront of the parcel.

34. Consistent with Recreation & Visitor-Serving Facilities Policy #6 of the LUP, the project satisfies County parking requirements for all proposed uses.
35. The applicant will fulfill Recreational Boating Policy #1 of the LUP ("Recreational boating is a top priority of the LCP") through its development of restrooms and showers for boaters utilizing the nearby anchorage and through development of 11,342 square feet of marine commercial uses and a 5,000 square foot yacht club.
36. Consistent with Marine Resources Policy #2 of the LUP ("*Reduce contaminated run-off into Marina waters*"), the applicant has completed a drainage concept, which has been approved by the County Department of Public Works. To avoid adverse impacts on the local Marina and greater ocean waters, the applicant has been conditioned to comply with National Pollution Discharge Elimination System requirements of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, as well as all pertinent stormwater quality management programs of the Federal, State and County agencies.
37. Consistent with Cultural Heritage Resources Policy #1 of the LUP, the project was reviewed during the environmental review/CEQA review process to determine potential impacts on cultural resources; no such impacts were identified.
38. Consistent with Cultural Heritage Resources Policy #3 of the LUP, the applicant has been conditioned to notify the County Department of Regional Planning and the State Historic Preservation Office in the event a significant cultural resource is discovered during any construction phase. A halt-work condition will be instituted in the event of such a cultural resource discovery during construction.
39. The project implements Land Use Plan Policy #1 of the LUP ("Preservation of the small craft harbor as a recreational facility shall be a priority") through the applicant's development of a 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade, boater showers and bathrooms, boater parking, 94 public parking spaces and a yacht club.
40. The project implements Land Use Plan Policy #2 of the LUP ("Maintenance of the physical and economic viability of the marina is a priority") through redeveloping Parcel 21 with a modern commercial center that will provide a 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade, covered parking spaces, improved boater restrooms and showers. The project development will help to ensure maintenance of the physical and economic viability of the marina.
41. Consistent with Land Use Plan Policy #6 of the LUP, the project has received conceptual design approval from the DCB, as prescribed in the LCP. This DCB's review included review for consistency with the *Manual for Specifications and Minimum Standards of Architectural Treatment and Construction* and applicable policies of the certified LCP.

42. The project implements Coastal Visual Resources Policy #1 of the LUP (Views of the Harbor are a Priority) through its provision of an LCP-compliant view corridor across the parcel from the adjacent public street (Panay Way) to Marina Basin D. The public viewing of the harbor will be further enhanced through the project's development of a 28-foot-wide public pedestrian promenade along the parcel's entire water frontage. 100% of the property's water frontage has been made available for public viewing of the waterfront. The most valuable, visible, desirable area of the site—the waterfront—will be fully enhanced for public use.
43. The project implements the view protection policies outlined in Coastal Visual Resources Policy #6 of the LUP by incorporating harbor views from streets and pedestrian access ways consistent with security and safety considerations. As noted, the project provides view corridors from public streets to the Marina waters consistent with LCP requirements.
44. The approved project is consistent with Coastal Visual Resources Policy #9 of the LUP (Evaluation of wind impacts). An assessment of the proposed Parcel 21 development was conducted by the engineering firm Rowen, Williams, Davies and Irwin. The analysis studied the projects potential impacts on winds coming from the east, west, southwest and west-southwest directions. The analysis concluded that the Parcel 21 project will have an insignificant impact in either Basins C or D on winds coming from the east and west directions. The analysis further concluded that due to the similar height of the approved development directly south of Parcel 21, the project will have only a minimal impact on winds from the southwest and west-southwest in Basins C and D.
45. The Commission has reviewed RWDI's wind reports for the project and deems them to constitute credible evidence substantiating that development of the commercial complex on Parcel 21 will not significantly increase infringements of wind access for boats in their berths, in the fairways, or in the Main Channel, nor adversely impact winds utilized by birds in flight.
46. Consistent with Hazards Policy #1 of the LUP, the applicant has obtained approval of Drainage Concept and SUSMP plans from the Department of Public Works. These plans are intended to mitigate flooding concerns relating to site drainage and to minimize runoff of polluted rainwater sheet-flow into the Marina and public storm drain system.
47. Consistent with Hazards Policy # 2 of the LUP, the applicant the applicant will be required to implement geotechnical engineering recommendations related to secondary geologic hazards (liquefaction, lateral spreading, and ground subsidence) that are recommended by the geotechnical engineer and the Department of Public Works. A

preliminary geotechnical report was reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Works.

48. The traffic report prepared for the project, which has been reviewed and approved by the County Department of Public Works' Traffic & Lighting Division and has been included as an appendix to the EIR concluded that the proposed project will not cause an increase in traffic that will exceed the capacity of the internal Marina del Rey street system.
49. Consistent with Traffic Circulation Policy #3 of the LUP (Sub-regional Transportation Improvements), as outlined in the project traffic study, the applicant has been conditioned to make its fair share contribution, through payment of the prescribed traffic mitigation fee, to help fund construction of "Category 3" ("Sub-regional") transportation improvements, which are prescribed in the LCP. The applicant will be conditioned to pay traffic mitigation fees to fund Category 3 transportation improvements, as is required by the LCP. This requirement has been included in the draft conditions and also as part of the mitigation measures. The combined Parcels OT and 21 projects will be required to pay \$170,700 in traffic mitigation fees.
50. In conformance with Public Works Policy #2 of the LUP (Public Works improvement phasing), the applicant's Coastal Development Permit has been conditioned to require that all necessary public works facilities/infrastructure will be provided for the project prior to the County's issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the project.
51. In conformance with Public Works Policy #6 of the LUP, the project has been conditioned to incorporate water-conserving technology consistent with local, state and/or federal regulations affecting same. Consistent with this Policy, the project has also been conditioned to ensure County Public Works will review the project plans to assure that water conservation measures and techniques are incorporated. Moreover, the project will be subject to the County's recently-enacted Green Building and Drought-Tolerant Landscaping ordinances.
52. Consistent with Public Works Policy #10 of the LUP, the project has been conditioned to require fire sprinklers in conformance with Fire Department requirements.
53. The DCB is charged with regulating the design of Marina del Rey signage through its "Revised Permanent Sign Controls and Regulations" (Section 22.46.1060 (D) (1)) of the County Code. Prior to installation of any signage on the subject property, the applicant will be required to submit its proposed signage package to the DCB for review and approval.
54. As directed by the Commission at the December 16, 2009 continued public hearing, the applicant updated its promenade amenity plans for the project to include additional pedestrian-oriented details as conditioned by the Design Control Board.

55. The Commission held a duly notice public hearing on the Project Permits on October 21, 2009. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission directed staff to prepare a summary of the various concerns that were expressed by the testifiers and instructed the applicant to respond to the concerns raised by the opponents. The Commission continued the hearing to February 10, 2010.
56. Prior to the February 10, 2010 hearing, a letter was received from the Department of Beaches and Harbors requesting that an earlier hearing date be considered. The Commission considered the letter as a discussion item at the November 4, 2009 hearing and voted unanimously to change the continued hearing date to December 16, 2009.
57. The Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the Project Permits and associated DEIR on December 16, 2009. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission continued the hearing to April 7, 2010, and directed the applicants to return to the Marina del Rey Design Control Board for further review of the project's pedestrian promenade. Staff was directed prepare final findings and conditions for the project and to prepare the Final Environmental Impact Report, for the Commission's consideration at the April 7, 2010 continued public hearing.
58. At the April 7, 2010 continued public hearing, staff informed the Commission that it needed additional time to prepare the Final Environmental Impact Report and other final documentation for the Commission's consideration. On a motion by Commissioner Modugno, seconded by Commissioner Helsley, the Regional Planning Commission continued the public hearing to April 28, 2010.
59. On April 28, 2010, the Commission voted to certify the FEIR for the facility, accepted the request to withdraw the Plan Amendment and approved the final findings and revised conditions for the Project Permits.
60. During the public hearings for the Project Permits and DEIR before the Commission, a number of persons spoke in opposition to the proposed project. The Commission also received a number of letters and emails in opposition to the project, each of which has been incorporated by staff into the administrative record for the subject case and has been responded to in the FEIR.
61. Written and verbal correspondence to the Commission in opposition to the project generally focused on the following issues and/or allegations:
  - a. The County is piecemealing development and needs to create a master plan for the Marina;
  - b. The Marina del Rey Design Control Board was against this project and did not approve it;

- c. The County is preparing a Major LCP amendment that contains Cumulative Impact Assessment. No projects should be approved by the Regional Planning Commission until the LCP Amendment and Cumulative Impact Assessment have been heard;
  - d. The DEIR underestimated the impact of truck trips related to grading and debris removal;
  - e. The project in its current form was not reviewed by the Marina del Rey Design Control Board;
62. The Commission has duly considered all of the issues and information contained in all of the oral testimony and written correspondence made in opposition to the proposed project during the public hearing process on the Project Permits, and DEIR as well as all of the oral testimony and written correspondence provided to the Commission in response thereto by staff and the project applicant. For the reasons set forth in the findings, and explained in the County's detailed responses to all public written comments received by the Commission regarding the proposed project, all of which have been incorporated into the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), the Commission finds in the opposition testimony and correspondence inadequately identify any substantial evidence that the FEIR does not meet the requirements of CEQA. The Commission finds that there is no credible evidence in the record that the supposed environmental impacts set forth in the project opponents' testimony and correspondence will in fact occur, but there is credible evidence in the administrative record for this case rebutting such testimony and correspondence.

**BASED ON THE FOREGOING, REGARDING THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT BURDEN OF PROOF, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONCLUDES:**

**Regarding the Coastal Development Permit:**

- A. That the proposed project is in conformity with the certified local coastal program and, where applicable; and
- B. That any development, located between the nearest public road and the sea or shoreline of any body of water located within the coastal zone, is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3 of Division 20 of the Public Resources Code."

**Regarding the Conditional Use Permit:**

- A. The proposed use is consistent with the adopted general plan for the area;
- B. The requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons

located in the vicinity of the site, and will not jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare;

- C. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the development features prescribed in Title 22 of the County Code, or as otherwise required in order to integrate said uses with the uses in the surrounding area; and
- D. The proposed site is adequately served by highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and by other public or private service facilities as are required.

**Regarding the Parking Permit:**

That off-site facilities, leases of less than 20 years, rear lot transitional parking lots and uncovered residential parking spaces will provide the required parking for uses because:

- A. That off-site facilities will provide the required parking for the uses because such off-site facilities will be controlled through ownership, leasing or other arrangement by the owner of the use for which the site serves, and are conveniently accessible to the main use, and such leases will be written in such a way as to prevent multiple leasing of the same spaces or cancellation without providing alternate spaces and will contain other guarantees assuring continued availability of the spaces.
- B. That the requested parking permit at the location proposed will not result in traffic congestion, excessive off-site parking, or unauthorized use of parking facilities developed to serve surrounding property.

**AND, THEREFORE,** the information submitted by the applicant and presented at the public hearing substantiates the required findings for a Coastal Development Permit as set forth in Section 22.56.2410 of the Los Angeles County Code (Zoning Ordinance), for a Conditional Use Permit as set forth in Section 22.56.090 of the Zoning Ordinance and for a Parking Permit as set forth in Section 22.56.1020 of the Zoning Ordinance.

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:**

1. The Regional Planning Commission certifies that it has independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared by Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning as lead agency prior to approving the project; certifies the EIR; adopts the Mitigation Monitoring Plan (MMP) which is appended to and included in the attached conditions of approval, finding that, pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, the MMP is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation; determines that the conditions of approval attached hereto are the only mitigation measures for the project which are feasible and that the



unavoidable significant effects of the project after adoption of said mitigation measures are as described in these findings; determines that the remaining, unavoidable environmental effects of the project have been reduced to an acceptable level and are outweighed by specific health and safety, economic, social and/or environmental benefits of the project as stated in the findings and in the Environmental Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted for the project, which findings and statement are incorporated herein by reference.

2. In view of the findings of fact and conclusions presented above, Coastal Development Permit No. RCDP200600003, Conditional Use Permit No. RCUP200600223 and Parking Permit No. RPKP200600015 are approved subject to the attached conditions.

**VOTE**

**Concurring: Rew, Modugno, Valadez, Bellamy, and Helsley**

**Dissenting:**

**Abstaining:**

**Absent:**

**Action Date: April 28, 2010**

**PROJECT NO. R2006-02726-(4)**  
**COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NUMBER 200600003**  
**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER 200600223**  
**PARKING PERMIT NUMBER 200600015**

**CONDITIONS**  
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This grant authorizes a **Coastal Development Permit** for demolition of all existing landside improvements and the construction of a structure with 2,916 square feet of Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial uses, 11,432 square feet of marine commercial uses, a 5,000 square foot yacht club, 6,000 square foot health club, a 447 space 6-level parking structure, an adjacent waterfront public pedestrian promenade, and other site amenities and facilities. This grant further authorizes a **Conditional Use Permit** for a parking structure; a yacht club; 2,916 square feet of Visitor Serving/Convenience Commercial uses; and a 10,000 square foot health club on a parcel with a Marine Commercial land use category and a Waterfront Overlay Zone; and a **Parking Permit** authorizing transfer of public parking spaces from Parcel OT to an offsite location, the subject parcel, as all such improvements are depicted on the approved site plans, building elevations, parking plan, building cross-sections, and other approved plans, marked Exhibit "A" on file, subject to all of the following conditions of approval:

1. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "permittee" shall include the applicant and any other person, corporation, or other entity making use of this grant.
2. This grant shall not be effective for any purpose until the permittee, and the owner of the subject property if other than the permittee, have filed at the office of the Department of Regional Planning ("Regional Planning") their affidavit stating that they are aware of, and agree to accept, all of the conditions of this grant, and until all required monies have been paid pursuant to Condition Nos. 8, 9 and 31.
3. The permittee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void or annul this permit approval, which action is brought within the applicable time period of Government Code Section 65009 or any other applicable limitation period. The County shall notify the permittee of any such claim, action, or proceeding and the County shall reasonably cooperate in the defense.
4. In the event that any claim, action, or proceeding as described above is filed against the County, the permittee shall within ten days of the filing pay the Department of Regional Planning an initial deposit of \$5,000, from which actual costs shall be billed and deducted for the purpose of defraying the expenses involved in the department's cooperation in the defense, including but not limited to, depositions, testimony, and other assistance to permittee or permittee's counsel. The permittee shall also pay the following supplemental deposits, from which actual costs shall be billed and deducted:
  - a. If during the litigation process, actual costs incurred reach 80 percent of the amount on deposit, the permittee shall deposit additional funds sufficient to bring the balance up to the amount of the initial deposit. There is no limit to the number of supplemental deposits that may be required prior to completion of the litigation.

- b. At the sole discretion of the permittee, the amount of an initial or supplemental deposit may exceed the minimum amounts defined herein.

The cost for collection and duplication of records and other related documents will be paid by the permittee in accordance with Los Angeles County Code Section 2.170.010.

5. This grant shall expire unless used on the date that is two (2) years after the Final Approval Date (defined below). The "Final Approval Date" means the later of (a) the last date on which any party may file any legal challenge or appeal the approval action for this grant, provided no such legal challenge or appeal has been filed; or (b) if any legal challenge or appeal of the approval action for this grant is made by any party, then the date on which such legal challenge or appeal is fully and finally resolved, such that no further legal challenge may be made. No less than six (6) months prior to the permit expiration date, the permittee may request in writing a one-year time extension, and pay the applicable extension fee.
6. If any provision of this grant is held or declared to be invalid, the permit shall be void and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.
7. Upon any transfer or lease of the property during the term of this grant, the permittee shall promptly provide a copy of the grant and its conditions to the transferee or lessee, as applicable, of the subject property.
8. The subject property shall be developed, maintained and operated in full compliance with the conditions of this grant and any law, statute, ordinance, or other regulation applicable to any development or activity on the subject property. Failure of the permittee to cease any development or activity not in full compliance shall be a violation of these conditions. Prior to the use of this grant, the permittee shall deposit with the County of Los Angeles the sum of \$6,000.00. These monies shall be placed in a performance fund which shall be used exclusively to compensate the Department of Regional Planning for all expenses incurred while inspecting the premises to determine the permittee's compliance with the conditions of approval, including adherence to development in accordance with the approved site plan on file. The fund provides for 30 annual inspections. Inspections shall be unannounced.

If additional inspections are required to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant, or if any inspection discloses that the subject property is being used in violation of any one of the conditions of this grant, the permittee shall be financially responsible and shall reimburse Regional Planning for all additional inspections and for any enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance. Inspections shall be made to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant as well as adherence to development in accordance with the approved site plan on file.

The amount charged for additional inspections shall be the amount equal to the recovery cost at the time of payment (currently **\$200** per inspection).

9. Within five (5) days of the approval date of this grant, the permittee shall cause a Notice of Determination to be posted in the office of the County Registrar/Recorder in compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code. Permittee shall remit applicable processing fees, payable to the County of Los Angeles, in connection with such filing. The project is not *de minimus* in its effect on fish and wildlife and is not exempt from payment of a fee to the California Department of Fish and Game pursuant to Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code. The current total fee amount is **\$2,867.25** (\$2,792.25 plus \$75.00 processing fee). No land use project subject to this requirement is final, vested, or operative if said fee is unpaid.
10. Notice is hereby given that any person violating a provision of this grant is guilty of a misdemeanor. Notice is further given that the Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") or a hearing officer may, after conducting a public hearing, revoke or modify this grant, if the Commission or hearing officer finds that these conditions have been violated or that this grant has been exercised so as to be detrimental to the public health or safety or so as to be a nuisance. If this grant is modified, the permittee shall reimburse the County all costs associated with the proceeding.
11. Upon approval of this grant, the permittee shall contact the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Los Angeles County Forester and Fire Warden to determine what facilities may be necessary to protect the property from fire hazard. Any necessary facilities shall be provided to the satisfaction of and within the time periods established by said Department.
12. At all times the promenade shall maintain a minimum fire lane width of 20' clear to the sky as determined by the Los Angeles County Fire Department.
13. All requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and of the specific zoning of the subject property must be complied with unless specifically modified by this grant, as set forth in these conditions or shown on the approved plans.
14. The subject property shall be maintained in substantial conformance with the plans marked Exhibit "A." In the event that subsequent revised plans are submitted, the permittee shall submit four (4) copies of the proposed plans to the Director for review and approval. All revised plans must be accompanied by the written authorization of the property owner.
15. All structures shall comply with the requirements of the Division of Building and Safety of the Department of Public Works.

16. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the Department of Public Works shall approve a flood control, runoff and storm drain plan submitted by the permittee, which plan shall be consistent with the Santa Monica Bay Recovery Plan.
17. Permittee shall comply with the NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) requirements of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the permittee shall obtain any necessary permit or approval from the Department of Public Works.
18. All structures, walls, and fences open to public view shall remain free of extraneous markings, drawings, or signage. These shall include any of the above that do not directly relate to the use of the property or provide pertinent information about the premises. The only exceptions shall be seasonal decorations or signage provided under the auspices of a civic or non-profit organization.
19. In the event such extraneous markings occur, the permittee shall remove or cover said markings, drawings, or signage within 24 hours of such occurrence, weather permitting. Paint utilized in covering such markings shall be of a color that matches, as closely as possible, the color of the adjacent surfaces.
20. The subject facility shall be developed and maintained in compliance with the requirements of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Adequate water and sewage disposal facilities shall be provided to the satisfaction of said Department.
21. Within sixty (60) days of the Design Control Board's ("DCB") final design approval, permittee shall submit to the Director for review and approval three (3) copies of a revised Exhibit "A", similar to that presented at the public hearing. This Revised Exhibit "A" submittal shall contain a full set of the approved site plan, floor plans, parking plan, roof plan, building elevations, building cross-sections, landscaping plan, and signage plan. The Design Control Board review shall perform further analysis of the proposed promenade furniture. The Director of Planning will have final review of the promenade furniture which must be made of high quality materials.
22. Within sixty (60) days of the DCB's final design approval, the permittee shall submit to the Director for review and approval three (3) copies of signage plans depicting the location, size and height of all proposed signage, which signage shall be installed on the subject property in accordance with the requirements of Part 10 of Chapter 22.52 of the County Code. Review and approval of the DCB shall also be required and the Director shall not approve signage plans until the plans have been first approved by the DCB.

23. A minimum of 447 standard parking spaces shall be provided on-site, of which 94 shall be reserved for public parking. A minimum of 183 of the required parking spaces shall be maintained for boater usage at all times, developed in compliance with Chapter 22.52, Part 11 of the County Code and no inoperable vehicles shall be parked, stored or otherwise allowed to remain in the required parking spaces. On-street parking shall be prohibited, as shall parking in unmarked spaces and in access driveways. Public, boater and commercial center parking spaces shall be clearly marked as such.
24. The permittee shall post signs conspicuously at the subject property's frontage on Panay Way notifying members of the public about the availability of the Project's ninety-four (94) public-access parking spaces, which the permittee shall continually maintain for the public's use within the parking structure. The permittee shall clearly paint "Public Parking Space" on each of the 94 public parking stalls and shall ensure that the parking management and staff are aware that said spaces are to be reserved for exclusive use by the visiting public. These 94 public parking spaces shall be sited within the parking garage in a location that is convenient to the visiting public (i.e., proximate to the parking garage entrance). The permittee shall include the public parking signs required by this condition in the signage plan package that is required to be submitted for approval by the DCB pursuant to condition No. 21 of this grant.
25. Within (60) days of the DCB's final design approval, the permittee shall submit to the Director for review and approval three (3) copies of landscaping plans, which may be incorporated into the Exhibit "A," depicting the size, type and location of all proposed landscaping on the site as well as all proposed irrigation. Said plans shall also include details for the waterfront public pedestrian promenade, including surfacing materials, lighting, benches and other facilities proposed for the public promenade, and a planting plan that prohibits the use of exotic invasive plants [or that requires the use of plants compatible with the restored wetland and upland park]. The Director shall not approve landscaping plans until the plans have been first approved by the DCB.
26. The following conditions shall apply to project construction activities:
  - a. All graded material shall be sufficiently watered to prevent excessive amounts of dust during the construction phase. Watering shall occur at least twice daily with complete coverage, preferably in the late morning and after work is done for the day. All clearing, grading, earth moving or excavation activities shall cease during periods of high winds (i.e. greater than 20 mph averaged over one hour) to prevent excessive amounts of dust. Any materials transported off-site shall be either sufficiently watered or securely covered to prevent excessive amounts of dust.
  - b. Construction activity shall be restricted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Written permission from the Department of

Beaches and Harbors is required prior to any construction on Saturdays. No construction shall occur on Sundays and legal holidays. Grading, hauling and pile driving shall not commence before 8:00 a.m., Monday through Friday and shall not occur on Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays.

- c. During demolition and construction, the permittee and its contractor shall comply with Sections 12.12.010 – 12.12.100 of the Los Angeles County Code regarding building construction noise.
- d. All stationary construction noise sources shall be sheltered or enclosed to minimize adverse effect on nearby properties. Generators and pneumatic compressors shall be noise protected in a manner that will minimize noise inconvenience to adjacent properties. Parking of construction worker vehicles shall be on-site or at an adjacent off-site location approved by the Director and agreed to by the lessee of said property and restricted to areas buffered from residences located in the vicinity of the subject property, as approved by the Director. If the permittee chooses to provide parking for construction workers off-site, the permittee shall submit to the Director for review and approval plans for temporary construction worker parking and shall demonstrate that the use of the off-site parking spaces shall not interfere with parking spaces required for operation of any use or uses on the property to be used for temporary parking. All construction equipment, fixed or mobile, that is utilized on the site for more than two working days shall be in proper operating condition and fitted with standard factory silencing features. To ensure that mobile and stationary equipment is properly maintained and meets all federal, state, and local standards, the permittee shall maintain an equipment log. Said log shall document the condition of equipment relative to factory specifications and identify the measures taken to ensure that all construction equipment is in proper tune and fitted with an adequate muffling device. Said log shall be submitted to the Director and the Department of Public Works for review and approval on a quarterly basis. In areas where construction equipment (such as generators and air compressors) is left stationary and operating for more than one day within 100-feet of residential land uses, temporary portable noise structures shall be built. These barriers shall be located between the piece of equipment and sensitive land uses.
- e. Pile driving shall be restricted to the hours between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. No pile driving activity shall be conducted on Saturdays or Sundays. The permittee shall provide adjacent property owners and tenants with a pile-driving schedule 10 days in advance of such activities, and a three-day notice of any re-tapping activities that may occur. The permittee shall submit a copy of the schedule and mailing list to the Director and to Public Works prior to the initiation of construction activities. In addition, at least 10 days in advance of any construction activities on the subject parcel, the permittee shall conspicuously post a construction schedule at the subject parcel's Via Marina and Marquesas



Way street frontages. The schedule shall also include information where individuals may register questions, concerns, or complaints regarding noise issues. The permittee shall take appropriate action to minimize any reported noise problems.

- f. All project-related truck hauling shall be restricted to a route approved by the Department of Public Works, a map of which shall be provided to the Director upon approval. The permittee shall post a notice at the construction site and along the proposed truck haul route. The notice shall contain information on the type of project, anticipated duration of construction activity, and provide a phone number where people can register questions and complaints. The permittee shall keep record of all complaints and take appropriate action to minimize noise generated by the offending activity where feasible. A monthly log of noise complaints shall be maintained by the permittee and submitted to the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services.
- g. Prior to any project construction activities, the permittee shall submit a site plan to the Director of Planning for approval, that depicts the following:
  - The location of the staging area;
  - Location and content of the required notice;
  - The expected duration of construction activities.

The permittee shall post a notice in a conspicuous location at the staging site. The notice shall contain information on the type of project, anticipated duration of construction activity, and provide a phone number where people can register questions and complaints. The permittee shall keep record of all complaints and take appropriate action to minimize noise generated by the offending activity where feasible. A monthly log of noise complaints shall be maintained by the permittee and submitted to the Department of Regional Planning upon request.

- h. The permittee shall develop and implement a construction management plan, as approved by the Director of Planning and the Director of Public Works, which includes all of the following measures as recommended by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), or other measures of equivalent effectiveness approved by the SCAQMD:
  - i. Configure construction parking to minimize traffic interference.
  - ii. Provide temporary traffic controls during all phases of construction activities to maintain traffic flow (e.g., flag person).
  - iii. Schedule construction activities that affect traffic flow on the arterial system to off-peak hours to the degree practicable as determined by the Director of Public Works.

- iv. Consolidate truck deliveries when possible.
- v. Provide dedicated turn lanes for movement of construction trucks and equipment on- and off-site.
- vi. Suspend use of all construction equipment operations during second stage smog alerts. Contact the SCAQMD at (800) 242-4022 for daily forecasts.
- vii. Use electricity from power poles rather than temporary diesel- or gasoline-powered generators, except as approved by the Director.
- viii. Use methanol- or natural gas-powered mobile equipment and pile drivers instead of diesel if readily available at competitive prices.
- ix. Use propane- or butane-powered on-site mobile equipment instead of gasoline if readily available at competitive prices.
- i. The permittee shall develop and implement a dust control plan, as approved by the Director of Planning and the Director of Public Works, which includes the following measures recommended by the SCAQMD, or other measures of equivalent effectiveness approved by the SCAQMD:
  - i. Apply approved non-toxic chemical soil stabilizers according to the manufacturer's specification to all inactive construction areas (previously graded areas inactive for four days or more).
  - ii. Replace ground cover in disturbed areas as quickly as possible.
  - iii. Enclose, cover, water twice daily, or apply approved soil binders to exposed piles (i.e., gravel, sand, dirt) according to manufacturers' specifications.
  - iv. Provide temporary wind fencing consisting of three- to five-foot barriers with 50 percent or less porosity along the perimeter of sites that have been cleared or are being graded.
  - v. Sweep streets at the end of the day if visible soil material is carried over to adjacent roads (recommend water sweepers using reclaimed water if readily available).
  - vi. Install wheel washers where vehicles enter and exit unpaved roads onto paved roads, or wash off trucks and any equipment leaving the site each trip.

- vii. Apply water three times daily or chemical soil stabilizers according to manufacturers' specifications to all unpaved parking or staging areas or unpaved road surfaces.
  - viii. Require construction vehicles to observe traffic speed limits of 15 mph or less on all unpaved roads.
  - j. All construction and development on the subject property shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Uniform Building Code and the various related mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire, grading and excavation codes as currently adopted by the County of Los Angeles.
  - k. The permittee shall demonstrate that all construction and demolition debris, to the maximum extent feasible as determined by the Director, will be salvaged and recycled in a practical, available, and accessible manner during the construction phase. Documentation of this recycling program shall be provided to the Director and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, prior to building permit issuance.
27. The subject building shall not exceed a height of 56 feet.
28. Front and side yards shall be maintained at a minimum of five (5) feet in width.
29. Prior to the issuance of a building permit for the project, the permittee shall return to the DCB for said Board's approval of final project signage, landscaping, and public amenities plans (concerning final design details of the waterfront promenade seating with shade structures, drinking fountains, promenade light standards and decorative paving), and building colors and materials palette.
30. The building shall be designed and constructed utilizing earthquake resistant construction and engineering practices and shall be designed to withstand a seismic event. All earthquake studies shall comply with the latest recommendations of the state Department of Conservation and the Seismic Safety Board for seismic safety.
31. The conditions and/or changes in the project, set forth in the Final Environmental Impact Report as necessary in order to assure the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, are incorporated herein by this reference and made conditions of approval of this grant. The permittee shall comply with all of the mitigation measures included in the attached Mitigation Monitoring Program and Project Changes/Conditions due to Environmental Evaluation including submittal of a Mitigation Monitoring deposit in the amount of **\$3,000** which shall be required prior to use of the grant and shall be utilized to defray costs associated with staff review and verification of the required mitigation monitoring reports. The mitigation monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Director as follows:

- a. At the time of building permit issuance, including verification of payment of applicable fees;
  - b. Annually; and
  - c. Additional reports as deemed necessary by the Department of Regional Planning.
32. In the event of discovery of Native American remains or of grave goods, §7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, and §5097.94, §5097.98 and §5097.99 of the Public Resources Code (all attached) shall apply and govern the permittee's development activities.
  33. Prior to commencement of grading, the permittee shall provide evidence that it has notified the Office of State Historic Preservation and the Native American Heritage Commission of the location of the proposed grading, the proposed extent of the grading and the dates on which the work is expected to take place.
  34. The permittee shall maintain the subject property in a neat and orderly fashion and free of litter. Yard areas that are visible from the street shall be free of debris, trash, lumber, overgrown or dead vegetation, broken or discarded furniture, and household equipment such as refrigerators, stoves, and freezers.
  35. All ground- and roof-mounted equipment shall be fully screened from public view. All roof-mounted facility screening materials shall be constructed of high quality building materials and shall be fully integrated into the building architecture.
  36. The applicant shall provide signage at the bulkhead entrance and at conspicuous locations along the length of the promenade identifying the access ways as public. Benches shall be provided along the promenade.
  37. Outside lighting shall be so arranged to prevent glare or direct illumination onto any adjacent properties and shall be subject to the requirements of the DCB.
  38. All necessary Public Works facilities and infrastructure shall be provided for the project prior to the County's issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the project, to the satisfaction of the Director of the Department of Public Works. All project infrastructure shall be designed and constructed in an environmentally sensitive manner, in full conformance with County Department of Public Works' requirements to the satisfaction of said Department, and shall follow the design and recreation policies of the certified Local Coastal Program, including landscaping standards required by the DCB.

39. The permittee shall obtain all necessary permits from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and shall maintain all such permits in full force and effect throughout the life of this grant.
40. The applicant shall prepare a Fire Safety Plan in accordance with Section 22.46.1180.A.15 of the County Code and obtain approval by the Fire Department prior to issuance of any building permits.
41. The permittee shall provide fire sprinklers and smoke detectors in the subject building to the satisfaction of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.
42. The permittee shall establish a functional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program or shall participate in an existing TDM program. Viable TDM components may include, but shall not be limited to:
  - Carpools;
  - Ridesharing;
  - Vanpools;
  - Increase use of bicycles for transportation;
  - Bicycle racks;
  - Preferential parking for TDM participants;
  - Incentives for TDM participants;
  - Disincentives.

Said TDM program shall follow the guidelines in the Transportation Improvement Program contained in Appendix G of the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program. An annual report on the effectiveness of the TDM program shall be submitted to the Director.

43. Project development shall conform to the phasing schedules in the certified Local Coastal Program. The phasing schedules include requirements for the existing Marina, circulation and public recreation improvements and infrastructure.
44. The permittee shall incorporate water-conserving devices and technologies into the project, in compliance with local, state and/or federal regulations controlling same, to the satisfaction of the Director of the Department of Public Works.
45. As outlined in the attached MMP, prior to issuance of a building permit for the project, the permittee shall pay applicable LCP-prescribed Category 1 and Category 3 traffic mitigation fees for the project, to the satisfaction of the Director of the Department of Public Works, which Department administers said fees.
46. The permittee shall comply with all recommended conditions listed in the attached letter from the Department of Public Works dated June 25, 2009 except as otherwise required by said department.

**PROJECT NO. R2006-02726-(4)**  
**COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NUMBER 200600003**  
**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER 200600223**  
**PARKING PERMIT NUMBER 200600015**

**CONDITIONS**  
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47. The permittee shall comply with all recommended conditions listed in the attached letter from the Los Angeles County Fire Department dated March 25, 2009, except as otherwise required by said department.
48. The aforementioned conditions shall run with the land and shall be binding on all lessees and sublessees of Parcel No. 21.

Attachments:

Department of Public Works letter dated June 25, 2009  
Los Angeles County Fire Department letter dated March 25, 2009

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Los Angeles County  
Department of Regional Planning

*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*



Richard J. Bruckner  
Director

April 15, 2010

TO: Wayne Rew, Chair  
Pat Modugno, Vice Chair  
Esther L. Valadez, Commissioner  
Leslie G. Bellamy, Commissioner  
Harold V. Helsley, Commissioner

FROM: Samuel Dea, Section Head   
Special Projects Section

**SUBJECT: Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts. Project Nos. R2006-01510, R2006-02726 (Item Nos. 6 and 7)**

Items 6 and 7 on the April 28, 2010 agenda are the Oceana Retirement Facility on Parcel OT and the Holiday Harbor Courts project on Parcel 21 located in the unincorporated community of Marina del Rey.

- Item 6 R2006-01510  
The project applicant is proposing, a 114-unit Active Seniors Accommodations Facility, which includes 3,500 square feet of retail space and 92 public parking spaces on Parcel OT
- Item 7 R2006-02726  
The applicant is proposing a 29,348 square foot commercial complex, which includes a health club, yacht club and 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade on parcel 21.

Public hearings on these projects were previously heard by your Commission on October 21, 2009, November 4, 2009, December 16, 2009, and April 7, 2010.

**October 21, 2009 Public Hearing**

On October 21, 2009, your commission conducted a public hearing on the above-mentioned items (Project). At that hearing, your commission heard the staff presentation and testimony from the project applicants and interested members of the public. Commissioners Bellamy, Rew, Valadez, Modugno and Helsley were present at the hearing.

Your commission continued the hearing to February 10, 2009 and directed staff and the project applicants to prepare responses to the issues raised during the hearing.

Prior to the February 10, 2010 public hearing, a letter was received from the Department of Beaches and Harbors requesting that an earlier hearing date be considered. You Commission considered the letter as a discussion item at the November 4, 2009 hearing and voted unanimously to change the continued hearing date to December 16, 2009. Commissioners Bellamy, Rew, Valadez and Helsley were present. Commissioner Modugno was absent.

### **December 16, 2009 Hearing**

A continued public hearing on the above-mentioned projects was held before the Regional Planning Commission on December 16, 2009. At this hearing the Commission heard staff's presentation and additional testimony from the applicants and members of the public. During the hearing, Commissioner Valadez stated that the applicants had not adequately demonstrated how the proposed access for the Parcel OT project (Item No. 6) would function to separate the senior facility use from the Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial and public parking uses. Commissioner Valadez was concerned that there would be cross over use of the stairwells that would impact the safety of the residents. In addition, Commissioner Valadez did not think the facility had provided enough parking. Regarding Parcel 21 (Item No. 7), Commissioner Valadez additional public amenities provided on the pedestrian promenade. At the conclusion of the hearing, the applicants were instructed to return to the Marina del Rey Design Control Board (DCB) for further review of Parcel 21's pedestrian promenade and to enhance pedestrian interaction with the project on Parcel OT. The Commission then continued the hearing to April 7, 2010 and directed staff to prepare the Final Environmental Impact Report and complete the final findings and conditions of approval for the Commission's consideration. The applicants presented their revised projects to the Design Control Board on February 17, 2009. The projects were subsequently approved by the Design Control Board with conditions. A copy of the original Design Control submittal and the revised plans based on the Design Control Board's suggestions is attached (**Attachments**).

### **April 7, 2010 hearing**

The Commission held a continued public hearing on April 7, 2010. At the hearing, staff informed the Commission that additional time was needed to prepare the Final Environmental Impact Report and other final documentation for the Commission's consideration. The Regional Planning Commission continued the public hearing to April 28, 2010.

Prior to the April 28, 2010, the applicant for the Holiday Harbor Courts Project on Parcel 21 requested to withdraw the Plan Amendment that was submitted with the project. The purpose of the Plan Amendment would adjust the boundary line between Parcel's 21 and GR. The Department of Beaches and Harbors has elected to request this change during



the Map and Text Amendment process rather than as part of the Parcel 21 project. The Parcel 21 project does not require a Plan Amendment to be constructed. For the Plan Amendment to be withdrawn, your Commission must accept that applicant's request for withdrawal so that the boundary adjustment may be deferred.

At the request of the Commission, the proposed Active Seniors Accommodations land use category has been revised to include congregate care as a potential use. The new definition of the use will read as follows:

**Active Seniors Accommodations:** A specialized facility for the housing of active persons over age 60 who may or may not be retired. Units shall contain no more than two bedrooms and shall not provide a kitchen. However, communal dining facilities shall be available on-site. Mixed use services provided on-site for residents may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: concierge, dry cleaners, laundry, hair and beauty salon, spa (excluding massage), recreation room, lounge, shuttle/limousine, travel, maid, linen, and other similar personal services. The accommodations may be rented or leased on a monthly or yearly basis. Accommodations may be rented, for no more than seven (7) days, to relatives or friends who are visiting residents of the facility. Units within an Active Seniors Accommodations facility are not considered residential uses for purposes of allocating dwelling units, assessing affordable housing requirements, or assessing transient occupancy taxes or fees. Congregate care facilities are a use subject to permit in the Active Seniors Accommodations land use category.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

##### **Item 6 Project No. R2006-01510-(4)**

##### **Approval**

The following recommendation is made prior to the public hearing and is subject to change based upon testimony and/or documentary evidence presented at the public hearing.

Staff recommends APPROVAL of Coastal Development Permit No. 200600002-(4), Conditional Use Permit No. 200600115-(4) and Parking Permit No. 200600009-(4) subject to the attached conditions. Staff also recommends that the Regional Planning Commission adopt the resolution recommending approval of Plan Amendment No. 200600005-(4) to the Board of Supervisors.

**Suggested Motion:** “I move that the public hearing be closed and that Regional Planning Commission certify the Final Environmental Impact Report and adopt the Environmental Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the project. I further move that the Regional Planning Commission approve Coastal Development Permit No. 200600002-(4), Conditional Use Permit No. 200600115-(4) and Parking No. 200600013-(4) with findings and conditions and recommend approval of Plan Amendment No. 200600005-(4) to the Board of Supervisors for its consideration.”

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Item 7 Project No. R2006-02726-(4)**

**Approval**

The following recommendation is made prior to the public hearing and is subject to change based upon testimony and/or documentary evidence presented at the public hearing.

Staff recommends APPROVAL of Coastal Development Permit No. 200600003-(4), Conditional Use Permit No. 200600223-(4) and Parking Permit No. 200600015-(4) subject to the attached conditions.

**Suggested Motion:** “I move that the public hearing be closed and that Regional Planning Commission certify the Final Environmental Impact Report and adopt the Environmental Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the project. I further move that the Regional Planning Commission approve Coastal Development Permit No. 200600003-(4), Conditional Use Permit No. 200600223-(4) and Parking Permit No. 200600015-(4) with findings and conditions.

**Attachments:**

Draft Findings

Draft Conditions

Resolution to the Board of Supervisors

Final Environmental Impact Report and Mitigation Monitoring Program

Environmental Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations

Revised Design Control Board Packages

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Project No. R2006-01510-(4)  
Coastal Development Permit No. RCDP200600002  
Conditional Use Permit No. RCUP200600115  
Parking Permit Case No. 200600009

**FINDINGS AND ORDER OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING DATES:** October 21, 2009;  
November 4, 2009; December 16, 2009; April 7, 2010; April 28, 2010

**SYNOPSIS:**

The applicant, MDR Oceana LLC, is requesting approval to demolish an existing public surface parking lot containing 186 parking spaces and appurtenant landscaping located on Marina del Rey Parcel OT, and to subsequently construct a 114-unit, maximum 75-foot-tall Senior Accommodations Facility with landscaping, hardscape, garage parking, and other site amenities and appurtenant facilities on the subject parcel. The building will also contain 3,500 square feet of visitor-serving/convenience commercial space and 92 public parking spaces. Parcel OT is located near the northeast corner of Palawan Way and Admiralty Way, with frontages on both Admiralty Way and Washington Boulevard. Associated land use entitlements for the project consist of a **Coastal Development Permit** to authorize demolition of all existing landside improvements and subsequent construction of the aforementioned landside improvements on Parcel OT; a **Conditional Use Permit** to authorize visitor-serving/convenience commercial uses on a parcel with a Mixed Use Overlay Zone; and a **Parking Permit** to authorize the transfer of public parking spaces from Parcel OT to an offsite location in Marina del Rey (Parcel 21).

The applicant is also requesting **amendments to the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program** authorizing the transfer development potential between Development Zones (114 hotel units from the Admiralty DZ #7 and 3,500 square feet of Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial space from the Palawan/Beach DZ #5 to the Oxford DZ #6); the creation of an Active Seniors Accommodations Land Use Category in the LCP; the redesignation of Parcel OT's land use designation from "Parking" to the "Active Senior Accommodations Facility" designation with a Mixed Use Overlay Zone; the transfer 94 of the LCP required 186 public parking spaces on Parcel OT to Parcel 21; and the adjustment of the parcel boundary between Parcel OT (Currently designated as Parking in the LCP) and Parcel P (Currently designated as Open Space in the LCP), which would also necessitate adjustment to the land use categories of both parcels to the corresponding LCP maps. Parcel P currently has an area 10.72 acres and Parcel OT has an area 1.6 acres. If the proposed amendment to give 19,755 square feet of Parcel P to Parcel OT is approved, Parcel P will be reduced to 10.27 acres and Parcel OT will be increased to 2.10 acres. Associated approval findings for the associated Local Coastal Program amendment are included in a separate Regional Planning Commission Resolution concerning the Local Coastal Program Amendment requests.

## **PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COMMISSION:**

### **October 21, 2009 Public Hearing**

The Regional Planning Commission (Commission) held a duly noticed public hearing regarding the subject project on October 21, 2009. At this meeting (and at each of the Commission's public hearing meetings described below), the Commission conducted concurrent public hearings regarding the subject project and the following proposed Marina development project:

- Project No. R2006-02726, a request to authorize a new 29,348 square foot commercial facility with an attached six-level parking structure containing 447 parking spaces and a 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade.

At the October 21, 2009 public hearing on the subject project and associated requested land use entitlements (and at each subsequent Commission hearing described below regarding the project), the Commission considered a single, comprehensive Environmental Impact Report evaluating the potential project-specific and cumulative environmental impacts associated with the subject project and the above-described proposed development project on Marina del Rey Parcel 21.

### **Proponent Testimony**

The project applicants and two (2) members of the public testified in favor of the request. Proponent testified that the proposed project would modernize and improve services to marine businesses and boaters at the site.

### **Opposition Testimony**

Seven (7) persons testified in opposition of the proposed development. Their testimony is summarized below:

- a. The height of the proposed structure is out-of-character in relation to adjacent uses;
- b. Public parking at the site should be preserved so that visitors may use the lot if they wish to visit the Oxford Basin after the Department of Public Works completes their planned enhancement of it;
- c. The California Coastal Commission and the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program (LCP) only allows public parking lots to be turned into parks;
- d. The proposed project will result in a loss of public parking;
- e. The Coastal Commission should approve all LCP plan amendments before they are considered by the Regional Planning Commission;

- f. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was never released for Parcel OT;
- g. The Marina del Rey Design Control Board did not approve this project with market rate housing or at its current location;
- h. The County is preparing a Major LCP amendment that contains Cumulative Impact Assessment. No projects should be approved by the Regional Planning Commission until the LCP Amendment and Cumulative Impact Assessment have been heard.

At the conclusion of the October 21, 2009 hearing, the Commission directed staff to prepare a summary of the various concerns that were expressed by the testifiers and instructed the applicant to respond to the concerns raised by the opponents. The Commission continued the hearing to February 10, 2010.

#### **November 4, 2009 Public Hearing**

Prior to the February 10, 2010 hearing, a letter was received from the Department of Beaches and Harbors requesting that an earlier hearing date be considered. The Commission considered the letter as a discussion item at the November 4, 2009 hearing and voted unanimously to change the continued hearing date to December 16, 2009. Commissioners Bellamy, Rew, Valadez, and Helsely were present. Commissioner Modugno was absent.

#### **December 16, 2009 Public Hearing**

On December 16, 2009, a duly noticed public hearing was held. All Commissioners were present at this hearing. During the hearing, the Commission heard the staff presentation and testimony from the project applicant and interested members of the public. Commissioner Valadez stated her concern that the proposed project may not be providing a sufficient amount of parking. Commissioner Valadez was also concerned about the height of the proposed structure. At the conclusion of the hearing the applicants were directed to return to the Marina del Rey Design Control Board for further review of how the projects elevations interacted with pedestrians. The Commission then continued the hearing to April 7, 2010 and instructed staff to prepare the Final Environmental Impact Report, a resolution recommending the approval of the proposed Local Coastal Program (LCP) plan amendment to the Board of Supervisors and findings and conditions of approval. Commissioners Bellamy, Rew, Valadez, Helsley and Modugno were present.

#### **Proponent Testimony**

The applicants and one (1) member of the public testified in favor of the project.

#### **Opposition Testimony**

Six (6) individuals testified in opposition to the project at the hearing. Opposition testimony raised the following issues:

- a. Everything in the Marina should be regulated by price control;
- b. The proposed project is a low priority under the Coastal Act;
- c. The Marina is underserved by recreation;
- d. The proposed land use category is discriminatory;
- e. The project does not have an adequate amount of parking;
- f. The traffic trip generation rates for the project need to be reexamined;
- g. The County does not belong in the luxury housing market;
- h. Marina del Rey needs a master plan;
- i. The proposed units should be subject to the Mello Act;

#### April 7, 2010 Public Hearing

The Commission held a continued public hearing on April 7, 2010. At the hearing, staff informed the Commission that additional time was needed to prepare the Final Environmental Impact Report and other final documentation for the Commission's consideration. The Regional Planning Commission continued the public hearing to April 28, 2010.

#### Findings

1. The applicant, MDR Oceana LLC, has requested approval of a **Coastal Development Permit** to authorize the demolition of an existing public surface parking lot containing 186 parking spaces and appurtenant landscaping located on Marina del Rey Parcel OT, and to subsequently construct one (1) 114-unit, maximum 75-foot-tall Senior Accommodations Facility with landscaping, hardscape, garage parking, and other site amenities and appurtenant facilities on the subject parcel. The building will also contain 3,500 square feet of visitor-serving/convenience commercial space and 92 public parking spaces. The applicant has also requested a **Conditional Use Permit** to authorize visitor-serving/convenience commercial uses on a parcel with a Mixed Use Overlay Zone, and a **Parking Permit** to authorize the transfer of public parking spaces from Parcel OT to an offsite location in Marina del Rey (Parcel 21). Collectively, the requested land use permits for the project are referred herein as the "Project Permits."

The Project Permits were considered by the Commission concurrently with the **Local Coastal Program Amendment No. RPA200600005**. On April 28, 2010, the Commission recommended approval of the project-related, plan amendment. The Project Permits will not become effective unless and until Local Coastal Program Amendment No. RPA200600005 has been adopted and certified by the Board of Supervisors and the California Coastal Commission.

2. The 2.08-acre subject property, known as Marina del Rey "Parcel OT," is located in the Playa del Rey Zoned District near the northeast corner of the intersection of Admiralty Way and Palawan Way in the County of Los Angeles unincorporated community of Marina del Rey. Washington Boulevard fronts the subject property to the north; Admiralty Way fronts the subject property to the south; the Oxford Flood Control Basin adjoins the subject property to the east; and Marina del Rey Parcel 145 adjoins the subject property to the west.
4. The subject property is zoned "Specific Plan" within the Marina Del Rey Local Coastal Program (LCP). The subject parcel's existing land use designation per the LCP is Parking; however, the applicant is requesting an amendment to the LCP to change the subject parcel's land use designation to Active Senior Accommodations with a Mixed Use Overlay Zone designation to facilitate the proposed development.
5. Zoning designations on the surrounding properties consist of the following:  
  
North: Multifamily Residential (City of Los Angeles)  
  
South: Visitor-Serving/ Convenience Commercial/Water (per MDR Specific Plan)  
  
West: Hotel/Residential V (per MDR Specific Plan)  
  
East: Open Space (per MDR Specific Plan)
6. The subject property is currently developed with an underutilized surface parking lot containing 186 public parking spaces and appurtenant landscaping.
7. Land Use on surrounding properties consists of the following:  
  
North: Multi-family residential (City of Los Angeles)  
  
South: Restaurant and Marina del Rey Basin E  
  
West: Hotel  
  
East: Oxford flood control basin
8. In May of 1995, Coastal Development Permit 94-150 was approved to allow 93 public parking spaces on Parcel OT to be used for offsite parking related to a charter boat operation. No previous zoning enforcement actions were found for the subject property.

9. The site plans and elevations depict a 257,370 square foot structure on 2.10 acres of land. The proposed structure has a ground floor (level one) with 44 parking spaces, and a 3,500 square foot Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial area. The second level contains 117 parking spaces, the senior accommodation facility's lobby, reception area, staff offices and lounges for both staff and the seniors. The third level depicts 18 units, a screening room, beauty salon, card room, arts and crafts room, library, bathrooms, gym, three communal dining areas and the facility's kitchen. The fourth, fifth and sixth levels each consist of 32 units, a lounge, a sitting room and two laundry rooms. The proposed structure has a maximum roof height of 75' above grade on the Washington Blvd side and 67 feet in height on the Admiralty Way side.
10. The site plan depicts three vehicular entrances/exits into the building, one via the garage entrance on Washington Boulevard, one via a turn out on Admiralty way and one via a garage entrance accessed from an alley that connects to both Washington Boulevard and Admiralty Way. Two parking levels are provided. The lower level provides 30 spaces for the senior facility and 14 spaces for the Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial use. The upper level provides 92 public parking spaces, 22 spaces for the senior facility and 3 spaces for maintenance vehicles. Seven of the 161 parking spaces are allocated to persons with disabilities.
11. Prior to the public hearing on the Project Permits and associated Draft Environmental report (DEIR) before the Commission, a legal notice was published in the local newspaper, *The Argonaut* on September 3, 2009 and in *La Opinion* on September 2, 2009. Staff also mailed out 209 hearing notices on August 31, 2009 to property owners and tenants within 500 feet of the site and interested parties. The applicant posted a hearing notice sign on the subject property on September 1, 2009.
12. The subject parcel is currently designated "Parking" in the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan and Specific Plan. In order to facilitate development of the proposed project, the applicant is requesting amendments to the LCP (see Local Coastal Program Amendment No. RPA200600005) to transfer development potential between Development Zones (114 hotel units from the Admiralty DZ #7 and 3,500 square feet of Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial space from the Palawan/Beach DZ #5 to the Oxford DZ #6); the creation of an Active Seniors Accommodations Land Use Category in the LCP; the redesignation of Parcel OT's land use designation from "Parking" to the "Active Senior Accommodations Facility" designation with a Mixed Use Overlay Zone; the transfer 94 of the LCP required 186 public parking spaces on Parcel OT to Parcel 21; and the adjustment of the parcel boundary between Parcel OT (Currently designated as Parking in the LCP) and Parcel P (Currently designated as Open Space in the LCP), which would also necessitate adjustment to the land use categories of both parcels to the corresponding LCP maps. Parcel P currently has an area 10.72 acres and Parcel



OT has an area 1.6 acres. If the proposed amendment to give 19,755 square feet of Parcel P to Parcel OT is approved, Parcel P will be reduced to 10.27 acres and Parcel OT will be increased to 2.10 acres. The Commission finds there is clear precedent for the proposed inter-Development Zone transfer of development potential; reference Goldrich & Kest Industries' LCP amendment approval at Marina Parcel 20, certified by the California Coastal Commission, which authorized the transfer of 97 development units from the Bora Bora DZ into the Panay DZ (see approval for County Project No. 98-172-4). As with the Parcel 20 LCP amendment, a traffic analysis has been prepared for the subject project which has determined that the traffic and circulation impacts of the proposed inter-Development Zone transfer of excess development units will have no adverse impact on traffic circulation in the project vicinity.

13. The applicant is requesting the associated amendment to the certified LCP in order to amend the certified LCP in a manner that will accommodate the proposed development on the subject parcel. The Commission finds that the benefit of bringing the type of senior housing proposed by the applicant into the Marina and the transfer of 94 public parking spaces to a location nearer a visitor attraction, Marina Beach, justifies the conversion of a public parking lot into a senior accommodations facility.
14. The subject Parcel OT is currently improved with a surface parking lot, which, due to its relatively distant location from recreational uses or visitor attractions in the Marina, has been and continues to be highly underutilized by the public. This fact was confirmed by the California Coastal Commission staff in its Marina del Rey Periodic Review Staff Recommendation, dated May 25, 2005, in which staff writes (at page 104):

"[T]here are a few public parking lots that the County provides that are not located adjacent to key visitor attractions and may be underutilized due to their location. Parcels FF and OT are examples of such parking lots.... Parcel OT, located on the northern side of Admiralty Way and northeast of Marina Beach, is approximately 600 feet from Marina Beach, but because of its location, the use of the lot may not be maximized."
15. The underutilization of the Parcel OT parking lot and the resulting contemplation for the parcel's conversion from parking to another use is further confirmed on Page 2-5 of Chapter A.2 of the LUP (Recreation & Visitor-Serving Facilities), which states, under the "Potential Conversion of Public Parking Lots" subsection: "Lots FF and OT, both on the west side of the Marina, are under utilized throughout most of the year. They are being contemplated for development as residential uses."
16. The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches & Harbors' comprehensive March 2009 Right-Sizing Study of Parking Lots in Marina del Rey, concludes the

public's use of Parcel OT parking is minimal. The County's Right-Sizing Study, which the Commission has reviewed and is included in the administrative file for this case, was based on field observations in 2005 and 2007. Moreover, the California Coastal Commission's April 2009 Revised Findings in support of its Periodic Review of the Marina del Rey LCP also found that the lot is underutilized by the public because it is not located near visitor-serving or recreational attractions.

17. Having considered the foregoing evidence demonstrating the public's historic and ongoing use of the public parking spaces located at Parcel OT is minimal, the Commission hereby finds that no temporary or permanent public parking shortage will occur as a result of the proposed conversion of Parcel OT from its current parking use to the applicant's proposed active senior accommodation facility. The Commission further finds that the County's proposal to relocate 94 of the 186 public parking spaces that currently exist on Parcel OT to Parcel 21, will serve to enhance the public's access to the Coast by providing the public parking at a more desirable location in direct proximity to visitor-serving or recreational attractions.
18. The Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program (LCP) provides development guidelines for the unincorporated community of Marina del Rey. The Marina del Rey LCP consists of two sets of inter-related requirements: the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan (land use policies) and the Local Implementation Program or Specific Plan (development-specific requirements).
19. Consistent with Marina del Rey Specific Plan requirements, the project has been reviewed and conceptually approved by the Department of Beaches & Harbors' Design Control Board ("DCB"). In rendering its conceptual approval for the project, the DCB found the proposed project to be in conformity with the various public access, height, circulation, building massing, visual impact and view requirements of the LCP.
20. The Applicant has submitted a preliminary geotechnical report to County Department of Public Works (a copy of this report is included in the EIR appendices) as part of its application filing, the content of which is compliant with LCP requirements; site development will be based on thorough site-specific geologic and soils studies, including specific geotechnical studies related to mitigation of liquefaction and lateral spreading. The project has also been designed to utilize earthquake resistant construction and engineering practices, in full compliance with applicable County and state regulations and ordinances.
21. The applicant has been conditioned to conduct site development in conformity with the archeological reporting requirements specified in Section 22.46.1190.2.a-c of the County Code.

22. To ensure project consistency with Section 22.46.1190.A.3 of the County Code, the applicant has been conditioned to implement a functional transportation systems management (TSM)/Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program.
23. The Commission hereby finds the proposed development project conforms to the phasing schedules in the LCP because:
  - With development of the project, there will be no significant, unmitigated peak-hour project-specific adverse traffic impacts created as a result of project development;
  - The County-approved traffic study for the project indicates there is sufficient traffic capacity in both the Marina del Rey internal system and the sub-regional highway system serving the Marina to accommodate the traffic generated by the modest planned development; and
  - As outlined in finding #20 above, with approval of the associated LCP amendment, the Commission hereby finds that the project will be in full conformity with the build-out limitations of the LCP specified for Development Zone 3.
24. With approval of the LCP amendment for the project, the Commission hereby finds project will be consistent with the newly created, "Active Senior Accommodations Facility" with a Mixed Use Overlay Zone land use designation for the parcel.
25. The proposed parking ratio of 0.484 spaces per unit will adequately serve the senior accommodations facility and will not result in traffic congestion, excessive off-site parking or unauthorized use of parking facilities developed to serve surrounding properties.
26. Sections 22.46.1090 and 22.46.1100 of the County Code and the LUP require, among other things, that the applicant demonstrate that there is sufficient traffic capacity in both the internal Marina del Rey road system and the subregional highway system serving the Marina to accommodate traffic generated by the development. The certified Environmental Impact Report for the project includes a traffic report that was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the LCP and LUP and which was reviewed and approved by the Traffic & Lighting Division of the County Department of Public Works. The approved traffic report for the project demonstrates there is adequate internal and subregional traffic capacity to support the project, and identifies specific traffic improvements intended to mitigate the project's potentially significant direct and cumulative impacts, which mitigation measures have been incorporated into the Mitigation Monitoring Program approved for the project in conjunction with certification of the Final Environmental

Impact Report. In accordance with LCP requirements, the applicant has been conditioned to pay traffic mitigation fees of \$5,690 per p.m. peak hour trip generated by the project, to be allocated as follows:

- a. \$1,600 per p.m. peak hour trip will be paid by the applicant into the County-administered Transportation Improvement Program to offset project impacts to the internal Marina circulation system (Category 1 improvements identified in Appendix G to the LCP); and
  - b. \$4,090 per p.m. peak hour trip will be paid by the applicant into the County-administered Transportation Improvement Program to offset the project's proportional share of the cumulative impacts of Marina development on the subregional transportation system (Category 3 improvements identified in Appendix G of the certified LCP).
27. The applicants for the combined projects on Parcels OT and 21 shall be required to pay \$170,700 in trip mitigation fees, based on the expected project trip generation of 30 net new PM peak hour trips.
  28. Consistent with LCP requirements, the Commission finds more than 10 percent of the net lot area will be landscaped and building coverage is less than 90 percent of the net lot area.
  29. With the approval of the Plan Amendment, parking for the project will be consistent with the parking standards of the County Zoning Ordinance. The applicant has been conditioned to provide at least 161 on-site parking spaces. Of the 161 on-site parking spaces provided in the project, 55 are allocated to senior accommodations facility, 14 are for the Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial use and 92 are dedicated to public parking. Seven (7) spaces are allocated to persons with disabilities.
  30. The building will be sprinklered, in conformance with County Fire Department requirements. Emergency access to all structures and common areas of the project will be provided to the satisfaction of the County Fire Department. The applicant has been conditioned to secure Fire Department approval of a "Fire Safety Plan" prior to issuance of a building permit.
  31. The project landscaping along site perimeters will maintain a minimum width of eight feet and will allow visual access into the lot, as required by the LCP.
  32. The project infrastructure has been designed, and will be constructed by the applicant, in an environmentally sensitive manner, and will follow design policies of the LCP, including landscaping standards required by the DCB. The project will be

subject to the County's newly-enacted Green Building and Drought-Tolerant Landscape ordinances.

33. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #1 of the LUP (Public Access to Shoreline a Priority), the project enhances public access to the shoreline by transferring 94 public parking spaces from the subject parcel to Parcel 21. The subject Parcel, OT does not have a water frontage. By transferring the parking spaces from Parcel OT to Parcel 21, the public is provided parking spaces that are closer to the shoreline and closer to Marina Beach.
34. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #11 of the LUP, the project has been conditioned to participate in its proportionate share (through the County's appropriation of the Applicant's paid Category 3 traffic mitigation fees), if and when such a shuttle system is established in the future.
35. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #13 of the LUP, the project will provide an outdoor map showing locations of public waterfront access ways and parks located in Marina del Rey and will have a kiosk within the senior accommodations facility that will provide information on visitor-serving activities in Marina del Rey.
36. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #14 of the LUP, the applicant's development of a new 28-foot-wide public pedestrian promenade and amenities along the parcel's entire waterfront will allow the public substantial viewing opportunities of the small craft harbor water areas.
37. Consistent with Recreation & Visitor-Serving Facilities Policy #2 of the LUP, the project will provide a walking path between Parcel OT and the Oxford Basin.
38. Consistent with Marine Resources Policy #2 of the LUP ("*Reduce contaminated run-off into Marina waters*"), the applicant has completed a drainage concept, which has been approved by the County Department of Public Works. To avoid adverse impacts on the local Marina and greater ocean waters, the applicant has been conditioned to comply with National Pollution Discharge Elimination System requirements of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, as well as all pertinent stormwater quality management programs of the Federal, State and County agencies.
39. Consistent with Cultural Heritage Resources Policy #1 of the LUP, the project was reviewed during the environmental review/CEQA review process to determine potential impacts on cultural resources; no such impacts were identified.
40. Consistent with Cultural Heritage Resources Policy #3 of the LUP, the applicant has been conditioned to notify the County Department of Regional Planning and the State Historic Preservation Office in the event a significant cultural resource is

discovered during any construction phase. A halt-work condition will be instituted in the event of such a cultural resource discovery during construction.

41. Consistent with Land Use Plan Policy #1 of the LUP ("Preservation of the small craft harbor as a recreational facility shall be a priority") the project enhances public access to the shoreline by transferring 94 public parking spaces from the subject parcel to Parcel 21. The public parking lot currently develop on Parcel OT is underutilized most of the year. By moving public parking spaces from the location on Parcel OT to Parcel 21 the public is provided more convenient access to the Marina harbor and Marina Beach.
42. The project implements Land Use Plan Policy #2 of the LUP ("Maintenance of the physical and economic viability of the marina is a priority") through redeveloping Parcel OT, which is currently developed with a 186 space public parking lot that is underutilized for most of the year. The conversion of the parking lot to a senior accommodations facility with 3,500 square feet of Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial space will increase the economic viability of the Marina.
43. Consistent with Land Use Plan Policy #6 of the LUP, the project has received conceptual design approval from the DCB, as prescribed in the LCP. This DCB's review included review for consistency with the *Manual for Specifications and Minimum Standards of Architectural Treatment and Construction* and applicable policies of the certified LCP.
44. The approved project is consistent with Coastal Visual Resources Policy #9 of the LUP (Evaluation of wind impacts). Rowan, Williams, Davies and Irwin, Inc. (RWDI), a licensed engineering firm, performed a detailed assessment of the proposed Parcel OT development. The analysis studied the projects potential impacts on winds coming from the east, west, southwest and west-southwest directions. The analysis concluded that winds coming from the east, southwest and west-south west direction that come in contact with the proposed Parcel OT building would likely stay on land, rather than enter the Marina basins, and thus would not have an impact on sailing in the Marina. The analysis further concluded that due to the height of the hotel next to the project site and the condominium towers located southeast of the site, the projects impacts on winds from the west would also be insignificant.
45. The Commission has reviewed RWDI's wind report for the project and deems them to constitute credible evidence substantiating that development of the subject building on Parcel OT will not significantly increase infringements of wind access for boats in their berths, in the fairways, or in the Main Channel, nor adversely impact winds utilized by birds in flight.

46. Consistent with Hazards Policy #1 of the LUP, the applicant has obtained approval of Drainage Concept and SUSMP plans from the Department of Public Works. These plans are intended to mitigate flooding concerns relating to site drainage and to minimize runoff of polluted rainwater sheet-flow into the Marina and public storm drain system.
47. Consistent with Hazards Policy # 2 of the LUP, the applicant the applicant will be required to implement geotechnical engineering recommendations related to secondary geologic hazards (liquefaction, lateral spreading, and ground subsidence) that are recommended by the geotechnical engineer and the Department of Public Works. A geologic report approved by DPW will be required prior to any construction.
48. The traffic report prepared for the project, which has been reviewed and approved by the County Department of Public Works' Traffic & Lighting Division and has been included as an appendix to the EIR concluded that the proposed project will not cause an increase in traffic that will exceed the capacity of the internal Marina del Rey street system.
49. Consistent with Traffic Circulation Policy #3 of the LUP (Sub-regional Transportation Improvements), as outlined in the project traffic study, the applicant has been conditioned to make its fair share contribution, though payment of the prescribed traffic mitigation fee, to help fund construction of "Category 3" ("Sub-regional") transportation improvements, which are prescribed in the LCP. The applicant will be conditioned to pay traffic mitigation fees to fund Category 3 transportation improvements, as is required by the LCP. This requirement has been included in the draft conditions and also as part of the mitigation measures. The combined Parcels OT and 21 projects will be required to pay \$170,700 in traffic mitigation fees.
50. In conformance with Public Works Policy #2 of the LUP (Public Works improvement phasing), the applicant's Coastal Development Permit has been conditioned to require that all necessary public works facilities/infrastructure will be provided for the project prior to the County's issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the project.
51. In conformance with Public Works Policy #6 of the LUP, the project has been conditioned to incorporate water-conserving technology consistent with local, state and/or federal regulations affecting same. Consistent with this Policy, the project has also been conditioned to ensure County Public Works will review the project plans to assure that water conservation measures and techniques are incorporated. Moreover, the project will be subject to the County's recently-enacted Green Building and Drought-Tolerant Landscaping ordinances.

52. Consistent with Public Works Policy #10 of the LUP, the project has been conditioned to require fire sprinklers in conformance with Fire Department requirements.
53. The DCB is charged with regulating the design of Marina del Rey signage through its "Revised Permanent Sign Controls and Regulations" (Section 22.46.1060 (D) (1)) of the County Code. Prior to installation of any signage on the subject property, the applicant will be required to submit its proposed signage package to the DCB for review and approval.
54. As directed by the Commission at the December 16, 2009 continued public hearing, the applicant updated the plans for the project to include additional conditions mandated by the Design Control Board.
55. The Commission held a duly notice public hearing on the Project Permits on October 21, 2009. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission directed staff to prepare a summary of the various concerns that were expressed by the testifiers and instructed the applicant to respond to the concerns raised by the opponents. The Commission continued the hearing to February 10, 2010.
56. Prior to the February 10, 2010 hearing, a letter was received from the Department of Beaches and Harbors requesting that an earlier hearing date be considered. The Commission considered the letter as a discussion item at the November 4, 2009 hearing and voted unanimously to change the continued hearing date to December 16, 2009.
57. The Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the Project Permits and associated DEIR on December 16, 2009. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission continued the hearing to April 7, 2010, and directed the applicants to return to the Marina del Rey Design Control Board for further review of the project's pedestrian promenade. Staff was directed prepare final findings and conditions for the project and to prepare the Final Environmental Impact Report, for the Commission's consideration at the April 7, 2010 continued public hearing.
58. At the April 7, 2010 continued public hearing, staff informed the Commission that it needed additional time to prepare the Final Environmental Impact Report and other final documentation for the Commission's consideration. On a motion by Commissioner Modugno, seconded by Commissioner Helsley, the Regional Planning Commission continued the public hearing to April 28, 2010.
59. On April 28, 2010, the Commission voted to certify the FEIR for the project and approved the final findings and conditions for the Project Permits.



60. During the public hearings for the Project Permits, DEIR before the Commission, a number of persons spoke in opposition to the proposed project. The Commission also received a number of letters and emails in opposition to the project, each of which has been incorporated by staff into the administrative record for the subject case and has been responded to in the FEIR.
61. Written and verbal correspondence to the Commission in opposition to the project generally focused on the following issues and/or allegations:
- a. The height of the proposed structure is out-of-character in relation to adjacent uses;
  - b. Public parking at the site should be preserved so that visitors may use the lot if they wish to visit the Oxford Basin after the Department of Public Works completes their planned enhancement of it;
  - c. The California Coastal Commission and the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program (LCP) only allows public parking lots to be turned into parks;
  - d. The proposed project will result in a loss of public parking;
  - e. The Coastal Commission should approve plan amendments before they are considered by the Regional Planning Commission;
  - f. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was never released for Parcel OT;
  - g. The Marina del Rey Design Control Board did not approve this project with market rate housing or at its current location;
  - h. The County is preparing a Major LCP amendment that contains Cumulative Impact Assessment. No projects should be approved by the Regional Planning Commission until the LCP Amendment and Cumulative Impact Assessment have been heard.
  - i. Everything in the Marina should be regulated by price control;
  - j. The proposed project is a low priority under the Coastal Act;
  - k. The Marina is underserved by recreation;
  - l. The proposed land use category is discriminatory;
  - m. The project does not have an adequate amount of parking;
  - n. The trip generation rates for the project need to be reexamined;
  - o. The County does not belong in the luxury housing market;
  - p. Marina del Rey needs a master plan; and
  - q. The proposed units should be subject to the Mello Act;
62. A Final Environmental Impact Report for the project has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State Guidelines, and the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines of the County of Los Angeles. The Final Environmental Impact Report consists of the Draft EIR, the Technical Appendices to the Draft EIR and the Final EIR, including responses to comments. A Mitigation Monitoring Program consistent with the conclusions and recommendations of the FEIR has been prepared, and its requirements have been incorporated into the conditions of

approval for this project. On April 28, 2010, the Commission certified the FEIR prepared for the project pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21082.1(c)(3) and CEQA Guidelines, finding that (1) the FEIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA, (2) that the Commission had reviewed and considered the information contained in the FEIR prior to approving the project, and (3) that the FEIR reflected the Commission's independent judgment and analysis. Except for potentially significant noise impacts at the project level, and impacts related to traffic and visual quality when the project is viewed cumulatively with other projects in the area, identified significant impacts can be reduced to acceptable levels with mitigation measures identified in the FEIR. As stated in the FEIR and Statement of Overriding Considerations, the project will result in the unavoidable potentially significant impacts mentioned above. Such impacts have been reduced to the extent feasible, and the Commission found that the benefits of the proposed project outweigh these unavoidable adverse impacts. Such unavoidable adverse impacts have been determined to be acceptable based upon the overriding considerations set forth in the Statement of Overriding Considerations for the project.

63. The Commission has duly considered all of the issues and information contained in all of the oral testimony and written correspondence made in opposition to the proposed project during the public hearing process on the Project Permits, and DEIR as well as all of the oral testimony and written correspondence provided to the Commission in response thereto by staff and the project applicant. For the reasons set forth in the following findings, and explained in the County's detailed responses to all public written comments received by the Commission regarding the proposed project, all of which have been incorporated into the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), the Commission finds the allegations made against the project in the opposition testimony and correspondence fail to identify any substantial evidence that the FEIR does not meet the requirements of CEQA, and fail to identify any substantial evidence requiring recirculation of the FEIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15088.5. The Commission finds that there is no credible evidence in the record that the supposed environmental impacts set forth in the project opponents' testimony and correspondence will in fact occur, but there is credible evidence in the administrative record for this case rebutting such testimony and correspondence. The Commission further finds that the opponents' oral testimony and written correspondence do not constitute substantial evidence, but instead consist entirely of argument, speculation, unsubstantiated opinion or narrative, evidence which is clearly erroneous or inaccurate, or evidence of social or economic impacts which do not contribute to or are not caused by physical impacts on the environment and do not constitute substantial evidence.

**BASED ON THE FOREGOING, REGARDING THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT BURDEN OF PROOF, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONCLUDES:**

**Regarding the Coastal Development Permit:**

- A. That the proposed project is in conformity with the certified local coastal program and, where applicable; and

**Regarding the Conditional Use Permit:**

- A. The proposed use is consistent with the adopted general plan for the area;
- B. The requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, and will not jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare;
- C. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the development features prescribed in Title 22 of the County Code, or as otherwise required in order to integrate said uses with the uses in the surrounding area; and
- D. The proposed site is adequately served by highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and by other public or private service facilities as are required.

**Regarding the Parking Permit:**

That off-site facilities, leases of less than 20 years, rear lot transitional parking lots and uncovered residential parking spaces will provide the required parking for uses because:

- A. That off-site facilities will provide the required parking for the uses because such off-site facilities will be controlled through ownership, leasing or other arrangement by the owner of the use for which the site serves, and are conveniently accessible to the main use, and such leases will be written in such a way as to prevent multiple leasing of the same spaces or cancellation without providing alternate spaces and will contain other guarantees assuring continued availability of the spaces.
- B. That the requested parking permit at the location proposed will not result in traffic congestion, excessive off-site parking, or unauthorized use of parking facilities developed to serve surrounding property.

**AND, THEREFORE**, the information submitted by the applicant and presented at the public hearing substantiates the required findings for a Coastal Development Permit as set forth in Section 22.56.2410 of the Los Angeles County Code (Zoning Ordinance), for a Conditional Use Permit as set forth in Section 22.56.090 of the Zoning Ordinance and for a Parking Permit as set forth in Section 22.56.1020 of the Zoning Ordinance.

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:**

1. The Regional Planning Commission certifies that it has independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared by Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning as lead agency prior to approving the project; certifies the EIR; adopts the Mitigation Monitoring Plan (MMP) which is appended to and included in the attached conditions of approval, finding that, pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, the MMP is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation; determines that the conditions of approval attached hereto are the only mitigation measures for the project which are feasible and that the unavoidable significant effects of the project after adoption of said mitigation measures are as described in these findings; determines that the remaining, unavoidable environmental effects of the project have been reduced to an acceptable level and are outweighed by specific health and safety, economic, social and/or environmental benefits of the project as stated in the findings and in the Environmental Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted for the project, which findings and statement are incorporated herein by reference.
2. In view of the findings of fact and conclusions presented above, Coastal Development Permit No. RCDP200600002, Conditional Use Permit No. RCUP200600115 and Parking Permit No. RPKP200600009 are approved subject to the attached conditions.

**VOTE**

**Concurring:**

**Dissenting:**

**Abstaining:**

**Absent:**

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This grant authorizes a **Coastal Development Permit** for the demolition of an existing public surface parking lot containing 186 parking spaces and appurtenant landscaping located on Marina del Rey Parcel OT; the subsequent construction of one (1) 114-unit, maximum 75-foot-tall (excluding rooftop appurtenant structures) senior accommodations facility 3,500 square foot Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial space and landscaping, hardscape, garage parking, and other site amenities and appurtenant facilities on Parcel OT in Marina del Rey. This grant also authorizes a **Conditional Use Permit** for retail uses on a parcel with a proposed Mixed Use Overlay Zone. This grant further authorizes a **Parking Permit** to authorize the transfer of public parking spaces from Parcel OT to an offsite location in Marina del Rey (Parcel 21), as all such improvements are depicted on the approved site plans, building elevations, parking plan, building cross-sections, and other approved plans, marked Exhibit "A" on file, subject to all of the following conditions of approval:

1. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "permittee" shall include the applicant and any other person, corporation, or other entity making use of this grant.
2. This grant shall not be effective for any purpose until the permittee, and the owner of the subject property if other than the permittee, have filed at the Department of Regional Planning ("Regional Planning") their affidavit stating that they are aware of, and agree to accept, all of the conditions of this grant, and until all required monies have been paid pursuant to Condition Nos. 8, 10 and 11.
3. The permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul this permit approval, which action is brought within the applicable time period of California Government Code section 65009, or any other applicable limitation period. The County shall notify the permittee of any claim, action, or proceeding and the County shall reasonably cooperate in the defense.
4. In the event that any claim, action, or proceeding as described above is filed against the County, the permittee shall within 10 days of the filing pay Regional Planning an initial deposit of \$5,000, from which actual costs shall be billed and deducted for the purpose of defraying the expenses involved in Regional Planning's cooperation in the defense, including but not limited to, depositions, testimony, and other assistance to permittee or permittee's counsel. The permittee shall also pay the following supplemental deposits, from which actual costs shall be billed and deducted:
  - a. If during the litigation process, actual costs incurred reach 80 percent of the amount on deposit, the permittee shall deposit additional funds sufficient to bring the balance up to the amount of the initial deposit. There is no limit to

the number of supplemental deposits that may be required prior to completion of the litigation; and

- b. At the sole discretion of the permittee, the amount of an initial or supplemental deposit may exceed the minimum amounts defined herein.

The cost for collection and duplication of records and other related documents shall be paid by the permittee in accordance with County Code section 2.170.010.

5. This grant shall expire unless used on the date that is two (2) years after the Final Approval Date (defined below). The "Final Approval Date" means the later of (a) the last date on which any party may file any legal challenge or appeal the approval action for this grant, provided no such legal challenge or appeal has been filed; or (b) if any legal challenge or appeal of the approval action for this grant is made by any party, then the date on which such legal challenge or appeal is fully and finally resolved, such that no further legal challenge may be made. No less than six (6) months prior to the permit expiration date, the permittee may request in writing a one-year time extension, and pay the applicable extension fee. This grant shall not become effective unless the Coastal Commission has approved Local Coastal Program Amendment No. RPA200600005 and until the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution or take necessary actions effecting said amendment request.
6. If any provision of this grant is held or declared to be invalid, the permit shall be void and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.
7. Upon any transfer or lease of the property during the term of this grant, the property owner or permittee shall promptly provide a copy of the grant and its conditions to the transferee or lessee of the subject property.
8. The subject property shall be maintained and operated in full compliance with the conditions of this grant and any law, statute, ordinance, or other regulation applicable to any development or activity on the subject property. Failure of the permittee to cease any development or activity not in full compliance shall be a violation of these conditions. The permittee shall deposit with the County the sum of **\$6,000**. These monies shall be placed in a performance fund which shall be used exclusively to compensate Regional Planning for all expenses incurred while inspecting the premises to determine the permittee's compliance with the conditions of approval, including adherence to development in accordance with the approved site plan on file. The fund provides for **30** annual inspections. Inspections shall be unannounced.

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If additional inspections are required to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant, or if any inspection discloses that the subject property is being used in violation of any one of the conditions of this grant, the permittee shall be financially responsible and shall reimburse Regional Planning for all additional inspections and for any enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance. Inspections shall be made to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant as well as adherence to development in accordance with the approved site plan on file. The amount charged for additional inspections shall be the amount equal to the recovery cost at the time of payment (currently **\$200** per inspection).

9. Notice is hereby given that any person violating a provision of this grant is guilty of a misdemeanor. Notice is further given that the Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") or a hearing officer may, after conducting a public hearing and giving notice thereof to permittee, revoke or modify this grant, if the Commission or hearing officer finds that these conditions have been violated or that this grant has been exercised so as to be detrimental to the public's health or safety or so as to be a nuisance.
10. Within five (5) days of the final approval date of this grant, the permittee shall cause a Notice of Determination to be posted in the office of the County Registrar/Recorder in compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code. Permittee shall remit applicable processing fees, payable to the County of Los Angeles, in connection with such filing. The project is not *de minimus* in its effect on fish and wildlife and is not exempt from payment of a fee to the California Department of Fish and Game pursuant to Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code. The current total fee amount is **\$2,867.25** (\$2,792.25 plus \$75.00 processing fee).
11. Within 30 days of the approval date of this grant, the permittee shall deposit the sum of **\$3,000** with Regional Planning to defray the cost of reviewing the required mitigation monitoring reports and verifying compliance with the Mitigation Monitoring Program ("MMP") adopted in conjunction with the certified Final Environmental Impact Report for the project.
12. The conditions and/or changes in the project, set forth in the Final Environmental Impact Report, necessary in order to assure that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment, are incorporated herein by this reference and made conditions of approval of this grant. The permittee shall comply with all such conditions/changes in accordance with the attached MMP. As a means of ensuring the effectiveness of such conditions and/or changes to the project, the permittee shall submit mitigation monitoring reports to Regional Planning for review and approval as frequently as may be required by Regional Planning. The reports shall describe the status of the permittee's compliance with the required project



conditions/changes.

13. The subject apartment building shall be limited to 114 Senior Accommodations Facility Units.
14. Units of the proposed facility are age restricted for active seniors age 60 and up.
15. The development shall provide housing only to senior citizen households by at all times complying with the federal fair housing statutes and regulations under 42 United States Code section 3601, et seq.; the California fair housing statutes and regulations under California Government Code section 12955, et seq.; and California Civil Code section 51, et seq., for "housing for older persons," as defined in those federal and state statutes and regulations.
16. Individual Kitchens are not permitted within the units of the facility.
17. Front yards and rear yards (Yards fronting Admiralty Way and Washington Boulevard) shall be maintained at a minimum of ten (10) feet in width and side yards shall be maintained at a minimum of five (5) feet in width.
18. The permittee shall refrain from restricting the rental or lease of the site or any portion thereof on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, or ancestry of any person. All such leases or contracts shall contain or be subject to substantially the following non-discrimination or non-segregation clauses.
19. There shall be no discrimination against or segregation of any person, or group of persons, on account of race, color, creed, religion, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, or ancestry in the sale, lease, sublease, transfer, use, occupancy, tenure, or enjoyment of the site, nor shall the permittee itself or any person claiming under or through it establish or permit any such practice or practices of discrimination or segregation with reference to the selection, location, number, use or occupancy of tenants, lessees, subtenants, sublessees, or vendees of the site or any portion thereof. The non-discrimination and non-segregation provisions set forth herein shall remain in effect in perpetuity.
20. Upon approval of this grant, the permittee shall contact the Fire Prevention Bureau of the County Forester and Fire Warden to determine what facilities may be necessary to protect the property from fire hazard. Any necessary facilities shall be provided as may be required by said department.
21. All requirements of Title 22 of the County Code and of the specific zoning of the subject property must be complied with unless specifically modified by this grant, as

set forth in these conditions, or shown on the approved plans.

27. The subject property shall be maintained in substantial conformance with the plans marked Exhibit "A." In the event that subsequent revised plans are submitted, the permittee shall submit four (4) copies of the proposed plans to the Director for review and approval. All revised plans must be accompanied by the written authorization of the property owner.
28. All structures shall comply with the requirements of the Division of Building and Safety of the County Department of Public Works ("Public Works").
22. All structures, walls, and fences open to public view shall remain free of extraneous markings, drawings, or signage. These shall include any of the above that do not provide pertinent information about said premises. In the event such extraneous markings occur, the permittee shall remove or cover said markings, drawings, or signage within 24 hours of such occurrence, weather permitting. Paint utilized in covering such markings shall be of a color that matches, as closely as possible, the color of the adjacent surfaces. The only exceptions shall be seasonal decorations or signage provided under the auspices of a civic or non-profit organization.
23. Within sixty (60) days of the Design Control Board's ("DCB") final design approval, permittee shall submit to the Director for review and approval three (3) copies of a revised Exhibit "A", similar to that presented at the public hearing. This Revised Exhibit "A" submittal shall contain a full set of the approved site plan, floor plans, parking plan, roof plan, building elevations, building cross-sections, landscaping plan, and signage plan.
24. Within sixty (60) days of the DCB's final design approval, the permittee shall submit to the Director for review and approval three copies of a landscape plan, which may be incorporated into the revised Exhibit "A" described herein. The landscape plan shall show the size, type, and location of all plants, trees, and watering facilities. The permittee shall maintain all landscaping in a neat, clean, and healthful condition, including proper pruning, weeding, removal of litter, fertilizing, and replacement of plants when necessary for the life of this grant.
25. Within sixty (60) days of the DCB's final design approval, the permittee shall submit to the Director and Director of DBH for review and approval three copies of a signage plan, including elevations, proposed lettering, colors, and locations of signage on the subject property, which may be incorporated into the revised Exhibit "A," described herein. All renderings of said signage shall be drawn to scale and shall be in conformity with those approved by the DCB.
26. Prior to development of the project, the applicant must replace 94 of the public

parking spaces located onsite to an offsite location known as Marina del Rey Parcel 21.

27. The proposed facility must include 92 public parking spaces. These spaces must be separated from the spaces required for the retail and senior accommodations facility parking. Signage must be provided and approved by the Marina del Rey Design Control Board that direct the public to the public parking spaces.
28. Prior to issuance of a building permit for the project, the permittee shall secure approval from the County Fire Department of a Fire Safety Plan meeting the specifications for same outlined in Section 22.46.1180.15 of the County Code. The permittee shall conduct site development in conformance with the approved Fire Safety Plan, and shall provide a copy of such approved plan to Regional Planning staff for inclusion in the subject case file.
29. The permittee shall contact the Fire Prevention Bureau of the County Fire Department to determine what facilities may be necessary to protect the property from fire hazard. The permittee shall provide fire flow, hydrants, gated access width, emergency access, and any other facilities as may be required by said Department.
30. The applicant shall provide fire sprinklers in all structures in accordance with County Building Code, Chapter 38, sections 3802(b) 5 and 3802 (h) to the satisfaction of the County Fire Department.
31. The following conditions shall apply to project construction activities:
  - a. Construction activity shall be restricted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday. Written permission from the Department of Beaches and Harbors is required prior to any construction on Saturdays. No construction shall occur on Sundays and legal holidays;
  - b. Pile driving shall be restricted to the hours between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. No pile driving activity shall be conducted on Saturdays or Sundays. The permittee shall provide adjacent property owners and tenants with a pile-driving schedule 10 days in advance of such activities, and a three-day notice of any re-tapping activities that may occur. The permittee shall submit a copy of the schedule and mailing list to the Director and to Public Works prior to the initiation of construction activities. In addition, at least 10 days in advance of any construction activities on the subject parcel, the permittee shall conspicuously post a construction schedule at the subject parcel's Admiralty Way and Washington Blvd. street

frontages. The schedule shall also include information where individuals may register questions, concerns, or complaints regarding noise issues. The permittee shall take appropriate action to minimize any reported noise problems;

- c. All material graded shall be sufficiently watered to prevent excessive amounts of dust during the construction phase. Watering shall occur at least twice daily with complete coverage, preferably in the late morning and after work is done for the day. All clearing, grading, earth moving, or excavation activities shall cease during periods of high winds (i.e., greater than 20 mph averaged over one hour) to prevent excessive amounts of dust. Any materials transported off site shall be either sufficiently watered or securely covered to prevent excessive amounts of dust;
- d. All fixed and mobile construction equipment shall be in proper operating condition and be fitted with standard silencing devices; engineering noise controls shall be implemented on fixed equipment to minimize adverse effects on nearby properties. Generators and pneumatic compressors shall be noise protected in a manner that will minimize noise inconvenience to adjacent properties. All construction equipment, fixed or mobile, that is utilized on the site for more than two working days shall be in proper operating condition and fitted with standard factory silencing features. To ensure that mobile and stationary equipment is properly maintained and meets all federal, state, and local standards, the permittee shall maintain an equipment log. Said log shall document the condition of equipment relative to factory specifications and identify the measures taken to ensure that all construction equipment is in proper tune and fitted with an adequate muffling device. Said log shall be submitted to the Director and to Public Works for review and approval on a quarterly basis. In areas where construction equipment (such as generators and air compressors) is left stationary and operating for more than one day within 100 feet of residential land uses, temporary portable noise structures shall be built. These barriers shall be located between the piece of equipment and sensitive land uses;
- e. Parking of construction worker vehicles and storage of construction equipment/materials shall be on-site;
- f. All project-related truck hauling shall be restricted to a route approved by the Director of Public Works, a map of which shall be provided to the Director upon approval. The permittee shall post a notice at the construction site and along the proposed truck haul route. The notice shall contain information on the type of project, anticipated duration of construction activity, and provide a phone number where people can register questions and complaints. The

permittee shall keep a record of all complaints and take appropriate action to minimize noise generated by the offending activity where feasible. A monthly log of noise complaints shall be maintained by the permittee and submitted to the County Department of Public Health;

- g. The permittee shall develop and implement a construction management plan, as approved by the Director of Public Works, which includes all of the following measures as recommended by the South Coast Air Quality Management District ("SCAQMD"), or other measures of equivalent effectiveness approved by the SCAQMD:
  - i. Configure construction parking to minimize traffic interference;
  - ii. Provide temporary traffic controls during all phases of construction activities to maintain traffic flow (e.g., flag person);
  - iii. Schedule construction activities that affect traffic flow on the arterial system to off-peak hours to the degree practicable as determined by the Director of Public Works;
  - iv. Consolidate truck deliveries when possible;
  - v. Provide dedicated turn lanes for movement of construction trucks and equipment on- and off-site;
  - vi. Suspend use of all construction equipment operations during second stage smog alerts. Contact the SCAQMD for daily forecasts;
  - vii. Use electricity from power poles rather than temporary diesel- or gasoline-powered generators, except as approved by the Director of Public Works;
  - viii. Use methanol- or natural gas-powered mobile equipment and pile drivers instead of diesel if readily available at competitive prices; and
  - ix. Use propane- or butane-powered on-site mobile equipment instead of gasoline if readily available at competitive prices;
- h. The permittee shall develop and implement a dust control plan, as approved by the Director of Public Works, and the County Local Enforcement Agency ("LEA"), which includes the following measures recommended by the SCAQMD, or other measures of equivalent effectiveness approved by the SCAQMD:

- i. Apply approved non-toxic chemical soil stabilizers according to the manufacturer's specification to all inactive construction areas (previously graded areas inactive for four days or more);
  - ii. Replace ground cover in disturbed areas as quickly as possible;
  - iii. Enclose, cover, water twice daily, or apply approved soil binders to exposed piles (i.e., gravel, sand, dirt) according to manufacturers' specifications;
  - iv. Provide temporary wind fencing consisting of three- to five-foot barriers with 50 percent or less porosity along the perimeter of sites that have been cleared or are being graded;
  - v. Sweep streets at the end of the day if visible soil material is carried over to adjacent roads (recommend water sweepers using reclaimed water if readily available);
  - vi. Install wheel washers where vehicles enter and exit unpaved areas onto paved roads, or wash-off trucks and any equipment leaving the site each trip; and
  - vii. Apply water three times daily or chemical soil stabilizers according to manufacturers' specifications to all unpaved parking or staging areas or unpaved road surfaces.
- j. All construction and development on the subject property shall comply with the applicable provisions of the California Building Code and the various related mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire, grading, and excavation codes as currently adopted by the County; and
- k. The permittee shall demonstrate that all construction and demolition debris, to the maximum extent feasible as determined by the Director of Public Works, will be salvaged and recycled in a practical, available, and accessible manner during the construction phase. Documentation of this recycling program shall be provided to the Director of Public Works, prior to building permit issuance.
32. In conformance with the approved parking plans on file, the permittee shall provide a minimum of 161 parking spaces on-site, of which 92 shall be reserved for public parking, 55 shall be used exclusively for the senior accommodations facility and 14 shall be used in conjunction with the project's 3,500 square feet of Visitor-

Serving/Convenience Commercial space. All designated spaces shall be clearly marked.

33. ADA compliant sidewalks and driveways shall be constructed to the satisfaction of Public Works.
34. The permittee shall design and construct driveways to the satisfaction of Public Works.
35. Site development shall be conducted in conformance with the archeological reporting requirements specified in Section 22.46.1190.2.a-c of the County Code.
36. The permittee shall establish a functional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program or shall participate in an existing TDM program. Viable TDM components may include, but shall not be limited to:
  - Carpools;
  - Ridesharing;
  - Vanpools;
  - Increase use of bicycles for transportation;
  - Bicycle racks;
  - Preferential parking for TDM participants;
  - Incentives for TDM participants;
  - Disincentives.

Said TDM program shall follow the guidelines in the Transportation Improvement Program contained in Appendix G of the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program. An annual report on the effectiveness of the TDM program shall be submitted to the Director.

37. As outlined in the attached MMP, prior to issuance of a building permit for the project, the permittee shall pay the LCP-prescribed Category 1 and Category 3 traffic mitigation fees for the project, to the satisfaction of the Director Public Works.
38. The permittee shall install conspicuous signage, as reflected on the final signage plans to be approved by the DCB prior to issuance of a building permit for the project, at each entrance to the pedestrian path between Washington Blvd and Admiralty Way identifying it as a public access way.
39. All necessary Public Works facilities and infrastructure shall be provided for the project prior to the County's issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the project, to the satisfaction of the Director of the Department of Public Works. All project

infrastructure shall be designed and constructed in an environmentally sensitive manner, in full conformance with County Department of Public Works' requirements to the satisfaction of said Department, and shall follow the design and recreation policies of the certified Local Coastal Program, including landscaping standards required by the DCB.

40. The permittee shall obtain all necessary permits from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and shall maintain all such permits in full force and effect throughout the life of this grant.
41. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the Department of Public Works shall approve a flood control, runoff and storm drain plan submitted by the permittee, which plan shall be consistent with the Santa Monica Bay Recovery Plan.
42. Permittee shall comply with the NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) requirements of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the permittee shall obtain any necessary permit or approval from the Department of Public Works.
43. The subject facility shall be developed and maintained in compliance with the requirements of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Adequate water and sewage disposal facilities shall be provided to the satisfaction of said Department.
44. The building shall be designed and constructed utilizing earthquake resistant construction and engineering practices and shall be designed to withstand a seismic event. All earthquake studies shall comply with the latest recommendations of the state Department of Conservation and the Seismic Safety Board for seismic safety.
45. In the event of discovery of Native American remains or of grave goods, §7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, and §5097.94, §5097.98 and §5097.99 of the Public Resources Code (all attached) shall apply and govern the permittee's development activities.
46. Prior to commencement of grading, the permittee shall provide evidence that it has notified the Office of State Historic Preservation and the Native American Heritage Commission of the location of the proposed grading, the proposed extent of the grading and the dates on which the work is expected to take place.
47. The permittee shall maintain the subject property in a neat and orderly fashion and free of litter. Yard areas that are visible from the street shall be free of debris, trash,



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lumber, overgrown or dead vegetation, broken or discarded furniture, and household equipment such as refrigerators, stoves, and freezers.

48. All ground- and roof-mounted equipment shall be fully screened from public view. All roof-mounted facility screening materials shall be constructed of high quality building materials and shall be fully integrated into the building architecture.
49. Outside lighting shall be so arranged to prevent glare or direct illumination onto any adjacent properties and shall be subject to the requirements of the DCB.
50. Project development shall conform to the phasing schedules in the certified Local Coastal Program. The phasing schedules include requirements for the existing Marina, circulation and public recreation improvements and infrastructure.
51. The permittee shall incorporate water-conserving devices and technologies into the project, in compliance with local, state and/or federal regulations controlling same, to the satisfaction of the Director of the Department of Public Works.
52. The permittee shall comply with all recommended conditions listed in the attached letter from the Department of Public Works dated June 25, 2009 except as otherwise required by said department.
53. The permittee shall comply with all recommended conditions listed in the attached letter from the Los Angeles County Fire Department dated March 25, 2009, except as otherwise required by said department.
54. The aforementioned conditions shall run with the land and shall be binding on all lessees and sublessees of Parcel No. OT.

Attachment:

Department of Public Works letter dated June 25, 2009

Los Angeles County Fire Department letter dated March 25, 2009

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**Project No. R2006-02726-(4)**  
**Coastal Development Permit No. RCDP200600003**  
**Conditional Use Permit No. RCUP200600223**  
**Parking Permit No. RPKP200600015**

**FINDINGS AND ORDER OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING DATES: October 21, 2009; November 4, 2009; December 16, 2009; April 7, 2010; April 28, 2010**

**SYNOPSIS:**

The applicant, Holiday-Panay Way Marina L.P., is requesting approval to demolish an existing commercial facility on Marina del Rey Parcel 21, and to subsequently construct a new 29,348 square foot commercial facility with an attached six-level parking structure containing 447 parking spaces and a 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade. The facility consists of two 56 foot tall buildings, the commercial building, and the attached parking structure. The subject Parcel 21 is located on Panay Way east of the intersection of Via Marina and Panay Way, with a frontage on Panay Way. Associated land use entitlements for the project consist of a **Coastal Development Permit** to authorize demolition of all existing landside improvements and subsequent construction of the aforementioned landside improvements on Parcel 21; a **Conditional Use Permit** to authorize a parking structure, a yacht club, 2,916 square feet of Visitor Serving/ Convenience Commercial uses and a 10,000 square foot health club on a parcel with a Marine Commercial Land Use Category and a Waterfront Overlay Zone; and a **Parking Permit** to authorize the transfer of 94 of the required public parking spaces on Parcel OT to Parcel 21.

**PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COMMISSION:**

**October 21, 2009 Public Hearing**

The Regional Planning Commission (Commission) held a duly noticed public hearing regarding the subject project on October 21, 2009. At this hearing (and at each of the Commission's public hearing meetings described below), the Commission conducted concurrent public hearings regarding the subject project and the following proposed Marina development project:

- Project No. R2006-01510, a request to develop a 114-unit senior accommodations facility on Parcel OT. The six level building would also contain 3,500 square feet of Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial space and 161 parking spaces, 92 of which would be reserved for public use.

At the October 21, 2009 public hearing on the subject project and associated requested land use entitlements (and at each subsequent Commission hearing described below regarding the project), the Commission considered a single, comprehensive Environmental Impact Report evaluating the potential project-specific and cumulative environmental impacts

associated with the subject project and the above-described proposed development project on Marina del Rey Parcel OT.

### **Proponent Testimony**

The project applicants and three (3) members of the public testified in favor of the request. Proponent testified that the proposed project would modernize and improve services to marine businesses and boaters at the site.

### **Opposition Testimony**

Six (6) persons testified in opposition. Opposition testimony raised the following issues:

- The County is piecemealing development projects and needs to create a master plan for the Marina;
- The Marina del Rey Design Control Board was against this project and did not approve it; and
- The County is preparing a Major LCP amendment that contains Cumulative Impact Assessment. No projects should be approved by the Regional Planning Commission until the LCP Amendment and Cumulative Impact Assessment have been heard;

At the conclusion of the October 21, 2009 hearing, the Commission directed staff to prepare a summary of the various concerns that were expressed by the testifiers and instructed the applicant to respond to the concerns raised by the opponents. The Commission continued the hearing to February 10, 2010.

### **November 4, 2009 Public Hearing**

Prior to the February 10, 2010 hearing, a letter was received from the Department of Beaches and Harbors requesting that an earlier hearing date be considered. The Commission considered the letter as a discussion item at the November 4, 2009 hearing and voted unanimously to change the continued hearing date to December 16, 2009. Commissioners Bellamy, Rew, Valadez, and Helsely were present. Commissioner Modugno was absent.

### **December 16, 2009 Public Hearing**

On December 16, 2009, a duly noticed public hearing was held. All Commissioners were present at this hearing. During the hearing, the Commission heard the staff presentation and testimony from the project applicant and interested members of the public. Commissioner Valadez stated that additional public amenities be provided on the proposed pedestrian promenade redesign. At the conclusion of the hearing the applicants were directed to return to the Marina del Rey Design Control Board for further review of the project's pedestrian

promenade. The Commission then continued the hearing to April 7, 2010. Commissioners Bellamy, Rew, Valadez, Helsley and Modugno were present.

### Proponent Testimony

The applicants and one (1) member of the public testified in favor of the project.

### Opposition Testimony

Six (6) individuals testified in opposition to the project at the hearing. Opposition testimony raised the following issues:

- The DEIR underestimated the impact of truck trips related to grading and debris removal; and
- The project in its current form was not reviewed by the Marina del Rey Design Control Board.

### April 7, 2010 Public Hearing

The Commission held a continued public hearing on April 7, 2010. At the hearing, staff informed the Commission that additional time was needed to prepare the Final Environmental Impact Report and other final documentation for the Commission's consideration. The Regional Planning Commission continued the public hearing to April 28, 2010 and instructed the applicant to present the new promenade designs at the continued hearing.

### Findings

1. The applicant, Holiday-Panay Way Marina L.P., is requesting approval to demolish an existing commercial facility on Marina del Rey Parcel 21, and to subsequently construct a new 29,348 commercial facility with an attached six-level parking structure containing 447 parking spaces and a 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade. The facility consists of two 56 foot tall buildings, the commercial building, and the attached parking structure. The subject Parcel 21 is located on Panay Way east of the intersection of Via Marina and Panay Way, with a frontage on Panay Way. Associated land use entitlements for the project consist of a **Coastal Development Permit** to authorize demolition of all existing landside improvements and subsequent construction of the aforementioned landside improvements on Parcel 21; a **Conditional Use Permit** to authorize a parking structure, a yacht club, 2,916 square feet of Visitor Serving/ Convenience Commercial uses and a 10,000 square foot health club; and a **Parking Permit** to authorize the transfer of 94 of the required public parking spaces on Parcel OT to Parcel 21. Collectively, the requested land use permits for the project are referred herein as the "Project Permits."

2. The 2.55-acre subject property, known as Marina del Rey "Parcel 21," is located in the Playa del Rey Zoned District near the northeast corner of the intersection of Via Marina and Panay Way in the County of Los Angeles unincorporated community of Marina del Rey. Panay Way fronts the subject property to the south; Marina del Rey Parcel GR adjoins the subject to the west; Marina del Rey Parcel 18 adjoins the subject parcel to the east; and Marina Basin D adjoins the subject property to the north;
4. The subject property is zoned "Specific Plan" within the Marina Del Rey Local Coastal Program (LCP). The subject parcel's existing land use designation per the LCP is Marine Commercial with a Waterfront Overlay Zone.
5. Zoning designations on the surrounding properties consist of the following:  
  
North: Water (per MDR Specific Plan)  
  
South: Residential IV (WOZ) (per MDR Specific Plan)  
  
West: Parking (per MDR Specific Plan)  
  
East: Marine Commercial and Residential III (per MDR Specific Plan)
6. The subject property is currently developed with two commercial buildings that are two stories in height, two boater serving buildings that are one story in height and a paved at grade parking area with 192 parking spaces.
7. Land Use on surrounding properties consists of the following:  
  
North: Marina del Rey Basin D, Marina Beach, boat storage, and Multi-family residential (rental apartments)  
  
South: Multi-family residential (rental apartments)  
  
West: Public Parking Multi-family residential (rental apartments)  
  
East: Multi-family residential (rental apartments)
8. No zoning enforcement actions or zoning permit cases were found for the subject property. In April of 1967, Plot Plan 16015 was approved for a 4,056 square foot administration building, two boater serving buildings, a 226 space parking lot and 28,848 square feet of dock space.
9. The site plan depicts the two proposed structures which consist of a 29,348 square foot commercial center on the western side of the parcel and a six-level parking structure

containing 447 spaces located on the eastern portion of the parcel the 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade. The two structures are connected by a ramp on the third level which is dedicated to parking. The proposed structures have a maximum roof height of 56' above grade. The façade extends to a maximum height of 59 feet. The proposed commercial building is comprised of four levels with the first two levels containing the health club, Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial and marine commercial uses, a third floor dedicated to parking, with 49 parking spaces, and the fourth floor containing a yacht club. The first floor of the commercial building also depicts the proposed boater restrooms and showers. The plan depicts the yacht club comprising a large dining room, commercial kitchen, office, food storage area, public and employee restrooms, and a large deck which extends along the entire fourth floor.

10. The site plan depicts a vehicular entrance/exit into the building garage, via the 26-foot wide driveway provided on the southerly portion of the parcel on Panay Way.
11. The Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program (LCP) provides development guidelines for the unincorporated community of Marina del Rey. The Marina del Rey LCP consists of two sets of inter-related requirements: the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan (land use policies) and the Local Implementation Program or Specific Plan (development-specific requirements).
12. Consistent with Marina del Rey Specific Plan requirements, the project has been reviewed and conceptually approved by the Department of Beaches & Harbors' Design Control Board ("DCB"). In rendering its conceptual approval for the project, the DCB found the proposed project to be in conformity with the various public access, height, circulation, building massing, visual impact and view requirements of the LCP.
13. The Applicant has submitted a preliminary geotechnical report to County Department of Public Works (a copy of this report is included in the EIR appendices) as part of its application filing, the content of which is compliant with LCP requirements; site development will be based on thorough site-specific geologic and soils studies, including specific geotechnical studies related to mitigation of liquefaction and lateral spreading. The project has also been designed to utilize earthquake resistant construction and engineering practices, in compliance with applicable County and state regulations and ordinances.
14. The applicant has been conditioned to conduct site development in conformity with the archeological reporting requirements specified in Section 22.46.1190.2.a-c of the County Code.
15. To ensure project consistency with Section 22.46.1190.A.3 of the County Code, the applicant has been conditioned to implement a functional transportation systems management (TSM)/Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program.

16. The Commission hereby finds the proposed development project conforms to the phasing schedules in the LCP because:
- With development of the project, there will be no significant, unmitigated peak-hour project-specific adverse traffic impacts created as a result of project development;
  - The County-approved traffic study for the project indicates there is sufficient traffic capacity in both the Marina del Rey internal system and the sub-regional highway system serving the Marina to accommodate the traffic generated by the modest planned development; and
  - The project will be in full conformity with the build-out limitations of the LCP specified for Panay Development Zone.
17. Sections 22.46.1090 and 22.46.1100 of the County Code and the LUP require, among other things, that the applicant demonstrate that there is sufficient traffic capacity in both the internal Marina del Rey road system and the subregional highway system serving the Marina to accommodate traffic generated by the development. The certified Environmental Impact Report for the project includes a traffic report that was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the LCP and LUP and which was reviewed and approved by the Traffic & Lighting Division of the County Department of Public Works. The approved traffic report for the project demonstrates there is adequate internal and subregional traffic capacity to support the project, and identifies specific traffic improvements intended to mitigate the project's potentially significant direct and cumulative impacts, which mitigation measures have been incorporated into the Mitigation Monitoring Program approved for the project in conjunction with certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report. In accordance with LCP requirements, the applicant has been conditioned to pay traffic mitigation fees of \$5,690 per p.m. peak hour trip generated by the project, to be allocated as follows:
- a. \$1,600 per p.m. peak hour trip will be paid by the applicant into the County-administered Transportation Improvement Program to offset project impacts to the internal Marina circulation system (Category 1 improvements identified in Appendix G to the LCP); and
  - b. \$4,090 per p.m. peak hour trip will be paid by the applicant into the County-administered Transportation Improvement Program to offset the project's proportional share of the cumulative impacts of Marina development on the subregional transportation system (Category 3 improvements identified in Appendix G of the certified LCP).
18. Pursuant to the LCP, parcels located between the water and the first public road must provide a view corridor allowing uninterrupted views of the harbor from the road to the

waterside, at ground level. As depicted on the view corridor exhibit submitted by the applicant, the Commission finds the applicant has provided view corridors consistent with LCP requirements--i.e., a view corridor comprising 28.5% of the parcel's water frontage is being provided, consistent with LCP view corridor requirements for the proposed 56-foot-tall apartment building.

19. The project is consistent with LCP standards calling for the provision of a continuous 28-foot-wide pedestrian promenade along the parcel's bulkhead. Seating, landscaping, lighting, trash receptacles, and bicycle racks have been provided along the parcel's bulkhead, consistent with LCP requirements.
20. Consistent with LCP requirements, the Commission finds more than 10 percent of the net lot area will be landscaped and building coverage is less than 90 percent of the net lot area.
21. On-site parking has been programmed for the project consistent with the parking standards of the County Zoning Ordinance. The applicant has been conditioned to provide at least 447 on-site parking spaces. Consistent with County Code parking requirements, 170 of these spaces are for the uses on Parcel 21, 183 spaces are dedicated to boater parking and 94 are public parking spaces that are a replacement for the spaces that were formerly on Parcel OT.
22. The buildings will be sprinklered, in conformance with County Fire Department requirements. Emergency access to all structures and common areas of the project will be provided to the satisfaction of the County Fire Department. The applicant has been conditioned to secure Fire Department approval of a "Fire Safety Plan" prior to issuance of a building permit.
23. The project landscaping along site perimeters will maintain a minimum width of eight feet and will allow visual access into the lot, as required by the LCP.
24. The project infrastructure has been designed, and will be constructed by the applicant, in an environmentally sensitive manner, and will follow design policies of the LCP, including landscaping standards required by the DCB. The project will be subject to the County's newly-enacted Green Building and Drought-Tolerant Landscape ordinances.
25. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #1 of the LUP (Public Access to Shoreline a Priority), the project provides public pedestrian access and ensures passive recreational use to and along all portions of the Parcel 21 bulkhead, in conformance with Sections 30210-30212 of the California Coastal Act and Chapter 1 ("Shoreline Access") of the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan. The project implements this key Public Shoreline Access policy through provision of 28-foot-wide public pedestrian promenade along the parcel bulkhead; through provision of public views to the water from the public street fronting the project (Panay Way), consistent with LCP view corridor requirements; In



furtherance of these important shoreline access policies, the applicant has been conditioned to provide signage at the project's entrances and at each bulkhead entrance of each public lateral access way identifying these as public access ways. The applicant has also been conditioned to provide signage at conspicuous locations along the length of the bulkhead public access ways (public promenade) identifying the access ways as public.

26. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #2 of the LUP, the project enhances public access to the waterfront by constructing a 28-foot-wide public pedestrian promenade along the entire water frontage of Parcel 21.
27. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #3 of the LUP, the project design will provide public access to and along the shoreline through provision of a 28-footwide waterfront pedestrian promenade and public lateral access ways across the site from Panay Way to the public waterfront promenade. Development adjacent to the bulkhead (i.e., public promenade) will provide pedestrian access ways, benches and rest areas along the bulkhead.
28. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #4 of the LUP, the project provides for public access from public roads fronting the project to the shoreline along all fire roads and across all dedicated project open space areas; such access ways will be conspicuously signed at entrances from the public street (i.e., from Panay Way).
29. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #11 of the LUP, the project has been conditioned to require the applicant to pay a proportional share of the funding of the potential shuttle system through collection of Category 3 traffic mitigation fees. The combined traffic mitigation fees for the projects on Parcels OT and 21 are estimated to be \$122,940.
30. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #12 of the LUP, the project applicant has been conditioned to pay all required Category 3 traffic mitigation fees. The County Department of Public Works, which administers the fees, may use a portion of the fees to fund establishment of a public shuttle service in the Marina.
31. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #13 of the LUP, the project has been conditioned to incorporate directional signage, outdoor exhibits and brochures to enhance public awareness of shoreline access ways and public areas, to include: i) conspicuous signage regarding public waterside access (public promenade and nearby wetland park on Parcel 9U); ii) outdoor map indicating the location and type of public access ways and parks located in Marina del Rey; and iii) kiosk within the commercial complex containing information on visitor-serving activities in the Marina.
32. Consistent with Shoreline Access Policy #14 of the LUP, the applicant's development of a new 28-foot-wide public pedestrian promenade and amenities along the parcel's

entire waterfront will allow the public substantial viewing opportunities of the small craft harbor water areas.

33. Consistent with Recreation & Visitor-Serving Facilities Policy #2 of the LUP, the project provides enhanced recreational opportunities through its development of a new 28-foot-wide public pedestrian promenade along the entire waterfront of the parcel.
34. Consistent with Recreation & Visitor-Serving Facilities Policy #6 of the LUP, the project satisfies County parking requirements for all proposed uses.
35. The applicant will fulfill Recreational Boating Policy #1 of the LUP ("Recreational boating is a top priority of the LCP") through its development of restrooms and showers for boaters utilizing the nearby anchorage and through development of 11,342 square feet of marine commercial uses and a 5,000 square foot yacht club.
36. Consistent with Marine Resources Policy #2 of the LUP ("*Reduce contaminated run-off into Marina waters*"), the applicant has completed a drainage concept, which has been approved by the County Department of Public Works. To avoid adverse impacts on the local Marina and greater ocean waters, the applicant has been conditioned to comply with National Pollution Discharge Elimination System requirements of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, as well as all pertinent stormwater quality management programs of the Federal, State and County agencies.
37. Consistent with Cultural Heritage Resources Policy #1 of the LUP, the project was reviewed during the environmental review/CEQA review process to determine potential impacts on cultural resources; no such impacts were identified.
38. Consistent with Cultural Heritage Resources Policy #3 of the LUP, the applicant has been conditioned to notify the County Department of Regional Planning and the State Historic Preservation Office in the event a significant cultural resource is discovered during any construction phase. A halt-work condition will be instituted in the event of such a cultural resource discovery during construction.
39. The project implements Land Use Plan Policy #1 of the LUP ("Preservation of the small craft harbor as a recreational facility shall be a priority") through the applicant's development of a 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade, boater showers and bathrooms, boater parking, 94 public parking spaces and a yacht club.
40. The project implements Land Use Plan Policy #2 of the LUP ("Maintenance of the physical and economic viability of the marina is a priority") through redeveloping Parcel 21 with a modern commercial center that will provide a 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade, covered parking spaces, improved boater restrooms and showers. The project development will help to ensure maintenance of the physical and economic viability of the marina.

41. Consistent with Land Use Plan Policy #6 of the LUP, the project has received conceptual design approval from the DCB, as prescribed in the LCP. This DCB's review included review for consistency with the *Manual for Specifications and Minimum Standards of Architectural Treatment and Construction* and applicable policies of the certified LCP.
42. The project implements Coastal Visual Resources Policy #1 of the LUP (Views of the Harbor are a Priority) through its provision of an LCP-compliant view corridor across the parcel from the adjacent public street (Panay Way) to Marina Basin D. The public viewing of the harbor will be further enhanced through the project's development of a 28-foot-wide public pedestrian promenade along the parcel's entire water frontage. 100% of the property's water frontage has been made available for public viewing of the waterfront. The most valuable, visible, desirable area of the site—the waterfront—will be fully enhanced for public use.
43. The project implements the view protection policies outlined in Coastal Visual Resources Policy #6 of the LUP by incorporating harbor views from streets and pedestrian access ways consistent with security and safety considerations. As noted, the project provides view corridors from public streets to the Marina waters consistent with LCP requirements.
44. The approved project is consistent with Coastal Visual Resources Policy #9 of the LUP (Evaluation of wind impacts). An assessment of the proposed Parcel 21 development was conducted by the engineering firm Rowen, Williams, Davies and Irwin. The analysis studied the projects potential impacts on winds coming from the east, west, southwest and west-southwest directions. The analysis concluded that the Parcel 21 project will have an insignificant impact in either Basins C or D on winds coming from the east and west directions. The analysis further concluded that due to the similar height of the approved development directly south of Parcel 21, the project will have only a minimal impact on winds from the southwest and west-southwest in Basins C and D.
45. The Commission has reviewed RWDI's wind reports for the project and deems them to constitute credible evidence substantiating that development of the commercial complex on Parcel 21 will not significantly increase infringements of wind access for boats in their berths, in the fairways, or in the Main Channel, nor adversely impact winds utilized by birds in flight.
46. Consistent with Hazards Policy #1 of the LUP, the applicant has obtained approval of Drainage Concept and SUSMP plans from the Department of Public Works. These plans are intended to mitigate flooding concerns relating to site drainage and to minimize runoff of polluted rainwater sheet-flow into the Marina and public storm drain system.

47. Consistent with Hazards Policy # 2 of the LUP, the applicant the applicant will be required to implement geotechnical engineering recommendations related to secondary geologic hazards (liquefaction, lateral spreading, and ground subsidence) that are recommended by the geotechnical engineer and the Department of Public Works. A preliminary geotechnical report was reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Works.
48. The traffic report prepared for the project, which has been reviewed and approved by the County Department of Public Works' Traffic & Lighting Division and has been included as an appendix to the EIR concluded that the proposed project will not cause in increase in traffic that will exceed the capacity of the internal Marina del Rey street system.
49. Consistent with Traffic Circulation Policy #3 of the LUP (Sub-regional Transportation Improvements), as outlined in the project traffic study, the applicant has been conditioned to make its fair share contribution, though payment of the prescribed traffic mitigation fee, to help fund construction of "Category 3" ("Sub-regional") transportation improvements, which are prescribed in the LCP. The applicant will be conditioned to pay traffic mitigation fees to fund Category 3 transportation improvements, as is required by the LCP. This requirement has been included in the draft conditions and also as part of the mitigation measures. The combined Parcels OT and 21 projects will be required to pay \$170,700 in traffic mitigation fees.
50. In conformance with Public Works Policy #2 of the LUP (Public Works improvement phasing), the applicant's Coastal Development Permit has been conditioned to require that all necessary public works facilities/infrastructure will be provided for the project prior to the County's issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the project.
51. In conformance with Public Works Policy #6 of the LUP, the project has been conditioned to incorporate water-conserving technology consistent with local, state and/or federal regulations affecting same. Consistent with this Policy, the project has also been conditioned to ensure County Public Works will review the project plans to assure that water conservation measures and techniques are incorporated. Moreover, the project will be subject to the County's recently-enacted Green Building and Drought-Tolerant Landscaping ordinances.
52. Consistent with Public Works Policy #10 of the LUP, the project has been conditioned to require fire sprinklers in conformance with Fire Department requirements.
53. The DCB is charged with regulating the design of Marina del Rey signage through its "Revised Permanent Sign Controls and Regulations" (Section 22.46.1060 (D) (1)) of the County Code. Prior to installation of any signage on the subject property, the applicant

will be required to submit its proposed signage package to the DCB for review and approval.

54. As directed by the Commission at the December 16, 2009 continued public hearing, the applicant updated its promenade amenity plans for the project to include additional pedestrian-oriented details as conditioned by the Design Control Board.
55. The Commission held a duly notice public hearing on the Project Permits on October 21, 2009. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission directed staff to prepare a summary of the various concerns that were expressed by the testifiers and instructed the applicant to respond to the concerns raised by the opponents. The Commission continued the hearing to February 10, 2010.
56. Prior to the February 10, 2010 hearing, a letter was received from the Department of Beaches and Harbors requesting that an earlier hearing date be considered. The Commission considered the letter as a discussion item at the November 4, 2009 hearing and voted unanimously to change the continued hearing date to December 16, 2009.
57. The Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the Project Permits and associated DEIR on December 16, 2009. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission continued the hearing to April 7, 2010, and directed the applicants to return to the Marina del Rey Design Control Board for further review of the project's pedestrian promenade. Staff was directed prepare final findings and conditions for the project and to prepare the Final Environmental Impact Report, for the Commission's consideration at the April 7, 2010 continued public hearing.
58. At the April 7, 2010 continued public hearing, staff informed the Commission that it needed additional time to prepare the Final Environmental Impact Report and other final documentation for the Commission's consideration. On a motion by Commissioner Modugno, seconded by Commissioner Helsley, the Regional Planning Commission continued the public hearing to April 28, 2010.
59. On April 28, 2010, the Commission voted to certify the FEIR for the facility and approved the final findings and conditions for the Project Permits.
60. During the public hearings for the Project Permits and DEIR before the Commission, a number of persons spoke in opposition to the proposed project. The Commission also received a number of letters and emails in opposition to the project, each of which has been incorporated by staff into the administrative record for the subject case and has been responded to in the FEIR.
61. Written and verbal correspondence to the Commission in opposition to the project generally focused on the following issues and/or allegations:

- a. The County is piecemealing development and needs to create a master plan for the Marina;
  - b. The Marina del Rey Design Control Board was against this project and did not approve it;
  - c. The County is preparing a Major LCP amendment that contains Cumulative Impact Assessment. No projects should be approved by the Regional Planning Commission until the LCP Amendment and Cumulative Impact Assessment have been heard;
  - d. The DEIR underestimated the impact of truck trips related to grading and debris removal;
  - e. The project in its current form was not reviewed by the Marina del Rey Design Control Board;
62. The Commission has duly considered all of the issues and information contained in all of the oral testimony and written correspondence made in opposition to the proposed project during the public hearing process on the Project Permits, and DEIR as well as all of the oral testimony and written correspondence provided to the Commission in response thereto by staff and the project applicant. For the reasons set forth in the findings, and explained in the County's detailed responses to all public written comments received by the Commission regarding the proposed project, all of which have been incorporated into the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), the Commission finds in the opposition testimony and correspondence inadequately identify any substantial evidence that the FEIR does not meet the requirements of CEQA. The Commission finds that there is no credible evidence in the record that the supposed environmental impacts set forth in the project opponents' testimony and correspondence will in fact occur, but there is credible evidence in the administrative record for this case rebutting such testimony and correspondence.

**BASED ON THE FOREGOING, REGARDING THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT BURDEN OF PROOF, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONCLUDES:**

**Regarding the Coastal Development Permit:**

- A. That the proposed project is in conformity with the certified local coastal program and, where applicable; and
- B. That any development, located between the nearest public road and the sea or shoreline of any body of water located within the coastal zone, is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3 of Division 20 of the Public Resources Code."

**Regarding the Conditional Use Permit:**

- A. The proposed use is consistent with the adopted general plan for the area;
- B. The requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, and will not jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare;
- C. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the development features prescribed in Title 22 of the County Code, or as otherwise required in order to integrate said uses with the uses in the surrounding area; and
- D. The proposed site is adequately served by highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and by other public or private service facilities as are required.

**Regarding the Parking Permit:**

That off-site facilities, leases of less than 20 years, rear lot transitional parking lots and uncovered residential parking spaces will provide the required parking for uses because:

- A. That off-site facilities will provide the required parking for the uses because such off-site facilities will be controlled through ownership, leasing or other arrangement by the owner of the use for which the site serves, and are conveniently accessible to the main use, and such leases will be written in such a way as to prevent multiple leasing of the same spaces or cancellation without providing alternate spaces and will contain other guarantees assuring continued availability of the spaces.
- B. That the requested parking permit at the location proposed will not result in traffic congestion, excessive off-site parking, or unauthorized use of parking facilities developed to serve surrounding property.

**AND, THEREFORE**, the information submitted by the applicant and presented at the public hearing substantiates the required findings for a Coastal Development Permit as set forth in Section 22.56.2410 of the Los Angeles County Code (Zoning Ordinance), for a Conditional Use Permit as set forth in Section 22.56.090 of the Zoning Ordinance and for a Parking Permit as set forth in Section 22.56.1020 of the Zoning Ordinance.

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:**

1. The Regional Planning Commission certifies that it has independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared by Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning as lead agency prior to approving the project; certifies the EIR; adopts the Mitigation Monitoring Plan

(MMP) which is appended to and included in the attached conditions of approval, finding that, pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, the MMP is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation; determines that the conditions of approval attached hereto are the only mitigation measures for the project which are feasible and that the unavoidable significant effects of the project after adoption of said mitigation measures are as described in these findings; determines that the remaining, unavoidable environmental effects of the project have been reduced to an acceptable level and are outweighed by specific health and safety, economic, social and/or environmental benefits of the project as stated in the findings and in the Environmental Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted for the project, which findings and statement are incorporated herein by reference.

2. In view of the findings of fact and conclusions presented above, Coastal Development Permit No. RCDP200600003, Conditional Use Permit No. RCUP200600223 and Parking Permit No. RPKP200600015 are approved subject to the attached conditions.

**VOTE**

**Concurring:**

**Dissenting:**

**Abstaining:**

**Absent:**

**Action Date: April 28, 2010**



This grant authorizes a **Coastal Development Permit** for demolition of all existing landside improvements and the construction of a structure with 2,916 square feet of Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial uses, 11,432 square feet of marine commercial uses, a 5,000 square foot yacht club, 6,000 square foot health club, a 447 space 6-level parking structure, an adjacent waterfront public pedestrian promenade, and other site amenities and facilities. This grant further authorizes a **Conditional Use Permit** for a parking structure; a yacht club; 2,916 square feet of Visitor Serving/ Convenience Commercial uses; and a 10,000 square foot health club on a parcel with a Marine Commercial land use category and a Waterfront Overlay Zone.; and a **Parking Permit** authorizing transfer of public parking spaces from Parcel OT to an offsite location, the subject parcel, as all such improvements are depicted on the approved site plans, building elevations, parking plan, building cross-sections, and other approved plans, marked Exhibit "A" on file, subject to all of the following conditions of approval:

1. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "permittee" shall include the applicant and any other person, corporation, or other entity making use of this grant.
2. This grant shall not be effective for any purpose until the permittee, and the owner of the subject property if other than the permittee, have filed at the office of the Department of Regional Planning ("Regional Planning") their affidavit stating that they are aware of, and agree to accept, all of the conditions of this grant, and until all required monies have been paid pursuant to Condition Nos. 8, 9 and 31.
3. The permittee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void or annul this permit approval, which action is brought within the applicable time period of Government Code Section 65009 or any other applicable limitation period. The County shall notify the permittee of any such claim, action, or proceeding and the County shall reasonably cooperate in the defense.
4. In the event that any claim, action, or proceeding as described above is filed against the County, the permittee shall within ten days of the filing pay the Department of Regional Planning an initial deposit of \$5,000, from which actual costs shall be billed and deducted for the purpose of defraying the expenses involved in the department's cooperation in the defense, including but not limited to, depositions, testimony, and other assistance to permittee or permittee's counsel. The permittee shall also pay the following supplemental deposits, from which actual costs shall be billed and deducted:
  - a. If during the litigation process, actual costs incurred reach 80 percent of the amount on deposit, the permittee shall deposit additional funds sufficient to bring the balance up to the amount of the initial deposit. There is no limit to the number of supplemental deposits that may be required prior to completion of the litigation.

- b. At the sole discretion of the permittee, the amount of an initial or supplemental deposit may exceed the minimum amounts defined herein.

The cost for collection and duplication of records and other related documents will be paid by the permittee in accordance with Los Angeles County Code Section 2.170.010.

5. This grant shall expire unless used on the date that is two (2) years after the Final Approval Date (defined below). The "Final Approval Date" means the later of (a) the last date on which any party may file any legal challenge or appeal the approval action for this grant, provided no such legal challenge or appeal has been filed; or (b) if any legal challenge or appeal of the approval action for this grant is made by any party, then the date on which such legal challenge or appeal is fully and finally resolved, such that no further legal challenge may be made. No less than six (6) months prior to the permit expiration date, the permittee may request in writing a one-year time extension, and pay the applicable extension fee.
6. If any provision of this grant is held or declared to be invalid, the permit shall be void and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.
7. Upon any transfer or lease of the property during the term of this grant, the permittee shall promptly provide a copy of the grant and its conditions to the transferee or lessee, as applicable, of the subject property.
8. The subject property shall be developed, maintained and operated in full compliance with the conditions of this grant and any law, statute, ordinance, or other regulation applicable to any development or activity on the subject property. Failure of the permittee to cease any development or activity not in full compliance shall be a violation of these conditions. Prior to the use of this grant, the permittee shall deposit with the County of Los Angeles the sum of \$6,000.00. These monies shall be placed in a performance fund which shall be used exclusively to compensate the Department of Regional Planning for all expenses incurred while inspecting the premises to determine the permittee's compliance with the conditions of approval, including adherence to development in accordance with the approved site plan on file. The fund provides for 30 annual inspections. Inspections shall be unannounced.

If additional inspections are required to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant, or if any inspection discloses that the subject property is being used in violation of any one of the conditions of this grant, the permittee shall be financially responsible and shall reimburse Regional Planning for all additional inspections and for any enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance. Inspections shall be made to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant as well as adherence to development in accordance with the approved site plan on file.

The amount charged for additional inspections shall be the amount equal to the recovery cost at the time of payment (currently **\$200** per inspection).

9. Within five (5) days of the approval date of this grant, the permittee shall cause a Notice of Determination to be posted in the office of the County Registrar/Recorder in compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code. Permittee shall remit applicable processing fees, payable to the County of Los Angeles, in connection with such filing. The project is not *de minimus* in its effect on fish and wildlife and is not exempt from payment of a fee to the California Department of Fish and Game pursuant to Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code. The current total fee amount is **\$2,867.25** (\$2,792.25 plus \$75.00 processing fee). No land use project subject to this requirement is final, vested, or operative if said fee is unpaid.
10. Notice is hereby given that any person violating a provision of this grant is guilty of a misdemeanor. Notice is further given that the Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") or a hearing officer may, after conducting a public hearing, revoke or modify this grant, if the Commission or hearing officer finds that these conditions have been violated or that this grant has been exercised so as to be detrimental to the public health or safety or so as to be a nuisance. If this grant is modified, the permittee shall reimburse the County all costs associated with the proceeding.
11. Upon approval of this grant, the permittee shall contact the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Los Angeles County Forester and Fire Warden to determine what facilities may be necessary to protect the property from fire hazard. Any necessary facilities shall be provided to the satisfaction of and within the time periods established by said Department.
12. At all times the promenade shall maintain a minimum fire lane width of 20' clear to the sky as determined by the Los Angeles County Fire Department.
13. All requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and of the specific zoning of the subject property must be complied with unless specifically modified by this grant, as set forth in these conditions or shown on the approved plans.
14. The subject property shall be maintained in substantial conformance with the plans marked Exhibit "A." In the event that subsequent revised plans are submitted, the permittee shall submit four (4) copies of the proposed plans to the Director for review and approval. All revised plans must be accompanied by the written authorization of the property owner.
15. All structures shall comply with the requirements of the Division of Building and Safety of the Department of Public Works.

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16. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the Department of Public Works shall approve a flood control, runoff and storm drain plan submitted by the permittee, which plan shall be consistent with the Santa Monica Bay Recovery Plan.
17. Permittee shall comply with the NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) requirements of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the permittee shall obtain any necessary permit or approval from the Department of Public Works.
18. All structures, walls, and fences open to public view shall remain free of extraneous markings, drawings, or signage. These shall include any of the above that do not directly relate to the use of the property or provide pertinent information about the premises. The only exceptions shall be seasonal decorations or signage provided under the auspices of a civic or non-profit organization.
19. In the event such extraneous markings occur, the permittee shall remove or cover said markings, drawings, or signage within 24 hours of such occurrence, weather permitting. Paint utilized in covering such markings shall be of a color that matches, as closely as possible, the color of the adjacent surfaces.
20. The subject facility shall be developed and maintained in compliance with the requirements of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Adequate water and sewage disposal facilities shall be provided to the satisfaction of said Department.
21. Within sixty (60) days of the Design Control Board's ("DCB") final design approval, permittee shall submit to the Director for review and approval three (3) copies of a revised Exhibit "A", similar to that presented at the public hearing. This Revised Exhibit "A" submittal shall contain a full set of the approved site plan, floor plans, parking plan, roof plan, building elevations, building cross-sections, landscaping plan, and signage plan.
22. Within sixty (60) days of the DCB's final design approval, the permittee shall submit to the Director for review and approval three (3) copies of signage plans depicting the location, size and height of all proposed signage, which signage shall be installed on the subject property in accordance with the requirements of Part 10 of Chapter 22.52 of the County Code. Review and approval of the DCB shall also be required and the Director shall not approve signage plans until the plans have been first approved by the DCB.
23. A minimum of 447 standard parking spaces shall be provided on-site, of which 94 shall be reserved for public parking. A minimum of 183 of the required parking spaces shall be maintained for boater usage at all times, developed in compliance with

Chapter 22.52, Part 11 of the County Code and no inoperable vehicles shall be parked, stored or otherwise allowed to remain in the required parking spaces. On-street parking shall be prohibited, as shall parking in unmarked spaces and in access driveways. Public, boater and commercial center parking spaces shall be clearly marked as such.

24. The permittee shall post signs conspicuously at the subject property's frontage on Panay Way notifying members of the public about the availability of the Project's ninety-four (94) public-access parking spaces, which the permittee shall continually maintain for the public's use within the parking structure. The permittee shall clearly paint "Public Parking Space" on each of the 94 public parking stalls and shall ensure that the parking management and staff are aware that said spaces are to be reserved for exclusive use by the visiting public. These 94 public parking spaces shall be sited within the parking garage in a location that is convenient to the visiting public (i.e., proximate to the parking garage entrance). The permittee shall include the public parking signs required by this condition in the signage plan package that is required to be submitted for approval by the DCB pursuant to condition No. 21 of this grant.
25. Within (60) days of the DCB's final design approval, the permittee shall submit to the Director for review and approval three (3) copies of landscaping plans, which may be incorporated into the Exhibit "A," depicting the size, type and location of all proposed landscaping on the site as well as all proposed irrigation. Said plans shall also include details for the waterfront public pedestrian promenade, including surfacing materials, lighting, benches and other facilities proposed for the public promenade, and a planting plan that prohibits the use of exotic invasive plants [or that requires the use of plants compatible with the restored wetland and upland park]. The Director shall not approve landscaping plans until the plans have been first approved by the DCB.
26. The following conditions shall apply to project construction activities:
  - a. All graded material shall be sufficiently watered to prevent excessive amounts of dust during the construction phase. Watering shall occur at least twice daily with complete coverage, preferably in the late morning and after work is done for the day. All clearing, grading, earth moving or excavation activities shall cease during periods of high winds (i.e. greater than 20 mph averaged over one hour) to prevent excessive amounts of dust. Any materials transported off-site shall be either sufficiently watered or securely covered to prevent excessive amounts of dust.
  - b. Construction activity shall be restricted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Written permission from the Department of Beaches and Harbors is required prior to any construction on Saturdays. No construction shall occur on Sundays and legal holidays. Grading, hauling and pile

driving shall not commence before 8:00 a.m., Monday through Friday and shall not occur on Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays.

- c. During demolition and construction, the permittee and its contractor shall comply with Sections 12.12.010 – 12.12.100 of the Los Angeles County Code regarding building construction noise.
- d. All stationary construction noise sources shall be sheltered or enclosed to minimize adverse effect on nearby properties. Generators and pneumatic compressors shall be noise protected in a manner that will minimize noise inconvenience to adjacent properties. Parking of construction worker vehicles shall be on-site or at an adjacent off-site location approved by the Director and agreed to by the lessee of said property and restricted to areas buffered from residences located in the vicinity of the subject property, as approved by the Director. If the permittee chooses to provide parking for construction workers off-site, the permittee shall submit to the Director for review and approval plans for temporary construction worker parking and shall demonstrate that the use of the off-site parking spaces shall not interfere with parking spaces required for operation of any use or uses on the property to be used for temporary parking. All construction equipment, fixed or mobile, that is utilized on the site for more than two working days shall be in proper operating condition and fitted with standard factory silencing features. To ensure that mobile and stationary equipment is properly maintained and meets all federal, state, and local standards, the permittee shall maintain an equipment log. Said log shall document the condition of equipment relative to factory specifications and identify the measures taken to ensure that all construction equipment is in proper tune and fitted with an adequate muffling device. Said log shall be submitted to the Director and the Department of Public Works for review and approval on a quarterly basis. In areas where construction equipment (such as generators and air compressors) is left stationary and operating for more than one day within 100-feet of residential land uses, temporary portable noise structures shall be built. These barriers shall be located between the piece of equipment and sensitive land uses.
- e. Pile driving shall be restricted to the hours between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. No pile driving activity shall be conducted on Saturdays or Sundays. The permittee shall provide adjacent property owners and tenants with a pile-driving schedule 10 days in advance of such activities, and a three-day notice of any re-tapping activities that may occur. The permittee shall submit a copy of the schedule and mailing list to the Director and to Public Works prior to the initiation of construction activities. In addition, at least 10 days in advance of any construction activities on the subject parcel, the permittee shall conspicuously post a construction schedule at the subject parcel's Via Marina and Marquesas Way street frontages. The schedule shall also include information where individuals may register questions, concerns, or complaints regarding noise

issues. The permittee shall take appropriate action to minimize any reported noise problems.

- f. All project-related truck hauling shall be restricted to a route approved by the Department of Public Works, a map of which shall be provided to the Director upon approval. The permittee shall post a notice at the construction site and along the proposed truck haul route. The notice shall contain information on the type of project, anticipated duration of construction activity, and provide a phone number where people can register questions and complaints. The permittee shall keep record of all complaints and take appropriate action to minimize noise generated by the offending activity where feasible. A monthly log of noise complaints shall be maintained by the permittee and submitted to the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services.
- g. Prior to any project construction activities, the permittee shall submit a site plan to the Director of Planning for approval, that depicts the following:
  - The location of the staging area;
  - Location and content of the required notice;
  - The expected duration of construction activities.

The permittee shall post a notice in a conspicuous location at the staging site. The notice shall contain information on the type of project, anticipated duration of construction activity, and provide a phone number where people can register questions and complaints. The permittee shall keep record of all complaints and take appropriate action to minimize noise generated by the offending activity where feasible. A monthly log of noise complaints shall be maintained by the permittee and submitted to the Department of Regional Planning upon request.

- h. The permittee shall develop and implement a construction management plan, as approved by the Director of Planning and the Director of Public Works, which includes all of the following measures as recommended by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), or other measures of equivalent effectiveness approved by the SCAQMD:
  - i. Configure construction parking to minimize traffic interference.
  - ii. Provide temporary traffic controls during all phases of construction activities to maintain traffic flow (e.g., flag person).
  - iii. Schedule construction activities that affect traffic flow on the arterial system to off-peak hours to the degree practicable as determined by the Director of Public Works.
  - iv. Consolidate truck deliveries when possible.

- v. Provide dedicated turn lanes for movement of construction trucks and equipment on- and off-site.
- vi. Suspend use of all construction equipment operations during second stage smog alerts. Contact the SCAQMD at (800) 242-4022 for daily forecasts.
- vii. Use electricity from power poles rather than temporary diesel- or gasoline-powered generators, except as approved by the Director.
- viii. Use methanol- or natural gas-powered mobile equipment and pile drivers instead of diesel if readily available at competitive prices.
- ix. Use propane- or butane-powered on-site mobile equipment instead of gasoline if readily available at competitive prices.
- i. The permittee shall develop and implement a dust control plan, as approved by the Director of Planning and the Director of Public Works, which includes the following measures recommended by the SCAQMD, or other measures of equivalent effectiveness approved by the SCAQMD:
  - i. Apply approved non-toxic chemical soil stabilizers according to the manufacturer's specification to all inactive construction areas (previously graded areas inactive for four days or more).
  - ii. Replace ground cover in disturbed areas as quickly as possible.
  - iii. Enclose, cover, water twice daily, or apply approved soil binders to exposed piles (i.e., gravel, sand, dirt) according to manufacturers' specifications.
  - iv. Provide temporary wind fencing consisting of three- to five-foot barriers with 50 percent or less porosity along the perimeter of sites that have been cleared or are being graded.
  - v. Sweep streets at the end of the day if visible soil material is carried over to adjacent roads (recommend water sweepers using reclaimed water if readily available).
  - vi. Install wheel washers where vehicles enter and exit unpaved roads onto paved roads, or wash off trucks and any equipment leaving the site each trip.



- vii. Apply water three times daily or chemical soil stabilizers according to manufacturers' specifications to all unpaved parking or staging areas or unpaved road surfaces.
  - viii. Require construction vehicles to observe traffic speed limits of 15 mph or less on all unpaved roads.
  - j. All construction and development on the subject property shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Uniform Building Code and the various related mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire, grading and excavation codes as currently adopted by the County of Los Angeles.
  - k. The permittee shall demonstrate that all construction and demolition debris, to the maximum extent feasible as determined by the Director, will be salvaged and recycled in a practical, available, and accessible manner during the construction phase. Documentation of this recycling program shall be provided to the Director and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, prior to building permit issuance.
27. The subject building shall not exceed a height of 56 feet.
28. Front and side yards shall be maintained at a minimum of five (5) feet in width.
29. Prior to the issuance of a building permit for the project, the permittee shall return to the DCB for said Board's approval of final project signage, landscaping, and public amenities plans (concerning final design details of the waterfront promenade seating with shade structures, drinking fountains, promenade light standards and decorative paving), and building colors and materials palette.
30. The building shall be designed and constructed utilizing earthquake resistant construction and engineering practices and shall be designed to withstand a seismic event. All earthquake studies shall comply with the latest recommendations of the state Department of Conservation and the Seismic Safety Board for seismic safety.
31. The conditions and/or changes in the project, set forth in the Final Environmental Impact Report as necessary in order to assure the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, are incorporated herein by this reference and made conditions of approval of this grant. The permittee shall comply with all of the mitigation measures included in the attached Mitigation Monitoring Program and Project Changes/Conditions due to Environmental Evaluation including submittal of a Mitigation Monitoring deposit in the amount of **\$3,000** which shall be required prior to use of the grant and shall be utilized to defray costs associated with staff review and verification of the required mitigation monitoring reports. The mitigation monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Director as follows:

- a. At the time of building permit issuance, including verification of payment of applicable fees;
  - b. Annually; and
  - c. Additional reports as deemed necessary by the Department of Regional Planning.
32. In the event of discovery of Native American remains or of grave goods, §7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, and §5097.94, §5097.98 and §5097.99 of the Public Resources Code (all attached) shall apply and govern the permittee's development activities.
  33. Prior to commencement of grading, the permittee shall provide evidence that it has notified the Office of State Historic Preservation and the Native American Heritage Commission of the location of the proposed grading, the proposed extent of the grading and the dates on which the work is expected to take place.
  34. The permittee shall maintain the subject property in a neat and orderly fashion and free of litter. Yard areas that are visible from the street shall be free of debris, trash, lumber, overgrown or dead vegetation, broken or discarded furniture, and household equipment such as refrigerators, stoves, and freezers.
  35. All ground- and roof-mounted equipment shall be fully screened from public view. All roof-mounted facility screening materials shall be constructed of high quality building materials and shall be fully integrated into the building architecture.
  36. The applicant shall provide signage at the bulkhead entrance and at conspicuous locations along the length of the promenade identifying the access ways as public. Benches shall be provided along the promenade.
  37. Outside lighting shall be so arranged to prevent glare or direct illumination onto any adjacent properties and shall be subject to the requirements of the DCB.
  38. All necessary Public Works facilities and infrastructure shall be provided for the project prior to the County's issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the project, to the satisfaction of the Director of the Department of Public Works. All project infrastructure shall be designed and constructed in an environmentally sensitive manner, in full conformance with County Department of Public Works' requirements to the satisfaction of said Department, and shall follow the design and recreation policies of the certified Local Coastal Program, including landscaping standards required by the DCB.

39. The permittee shall obtain all necessary permits from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and shall maintain all such permits in full force and effect throughout the life of this grant.
40. The applicant shall prepare a Fire Safety Plan in accordance with Section 22.46.1180.A.15 of the County Code and obtain approval by the Fire Department prior to issuance of any building permits.
41. The permittee shall provide fire sprinklers and smoke detectors in the subject building to the satisfaction of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.
42. The permittee shall establish a functional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program or shall participate in an existing TDM program. Viable TDM components may include, but shall not be limited to:
  - Carpools;
  - Ridesharing;
  - Vanpools;
  - Increase use of bicycles for transportation;
  - Bicycle racks;
  - Preferential parking for TDM participants;
  - Incentives for TDM participants;
  - Disincentives.

Said TDM program shall follow the guidelines in the Transportation Improvement Program contained in Appendix G of the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program. An annual report on the effectiveness of the TDM program shall be submitted to the Director.

43. Project development shall conform to the phasing schedules in the certified Local Coastal Program. The phasing schedules include requirements for the existing Marina, circulation and public recreation improvements and infrastructure.
44. The permittee shall incorporate water-conserving devices and technologies into the project, in compliance with local, state and/or federal regulations controlling same, to the satisfaction of the Director of the Department of Public Works.
45. As outlined in the attached MMP, prior to issuance of a building permit for the project, the permittee shall pay applicable LCP-prescribed Category 1 and Category 3 traffic mitigation fees for the project, to the satisfaction of the Director of the Department of Public Works, which Department administers said fees.
46. The permittee shall comply with all recommended conditions listed in the attached letter from the Department of Public Works dated June 25, 2009 except as otherwise required by said department.

**PROJECT NO. R2006-02726-(4)**  
**COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NUMBER 200600003**  
**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER 200600223**  
**PARKING PERMIT NUMBER 200600015**

**CONDITIONS**  
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47. The permittee shall comply with all recommended conditions listed in the attached letter from the Los Angeles County Fire Department dated March 25, 2009, except as otherwise required by said department.
48. The aforementioned conditions shall run with the land and shall be binding on all lessees and sublessees of Parcel No. 21.

Attachments:

Department of Public Works letter dated June 25, 2009  
Los Angeles County Fire Department letter dated March 25, 2009

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**RESOLUTION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE MARINA DEL  
REY LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM FOR PROJECT NO. R2006-01510**

**WHEREAS**, Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code of the State of California (commencing with Section 65350) provides for the adoption of amendments to county general plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the petitioner, MDR Oceana LLC, has requested a Local Coastal Program (LCP) Amendment No. RPA200600005 to authorize the transfer of development potential between Development Zones (114 hotel units from the Admiralty DZ #7 and 3,500 square feet of Visitor-Serving/Convenience space from the Palawan/Beach DZ #5 to the Oxford DZ #6); the creation of an Active Seniors Accommodations Land Use Category in the LCP; the redesignation of Parcel OT's land use designation from "Parking" to the "Active Senior Accommodations Facility" designation with a Mixed Use Overlay Zone; the transfer 94 of the LCP required 186 public parking spaces on Parcel OT to Parcel 21; and the adjustment of the parcel boundary between Parcel OT (Currently designated as Parking in the LCP) and Parcel P (Currently designated as Open Space in the LCP), which would also necessitate adjustment to the land use categories of both parcels to the corresponding LCP maps. Parcel P currently has an area 10.72 acres and Parcel OT has an area 1.6 acres. If the proposed amendment to give 19,755 square feet of Parcel P to Parcel OT is approved, Parcel P will be reduced to 10.27 acres and Parcel OT will be increased to 2.10 acres.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles conducted concurrent public hearings regarding Coastal Development Permit No. RCDP200600002, Conditional Use Permit No. RCUP200600115, and Parking Permit No. RPKP200600009 on October 21, 2009, November 4, 2009, December 16, 2009, April 7, 2010, and April 28, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with the California Coastal Act of 1976, as amended to date, the County of Los Angeles has prepared an amendment to the certified Local Coastal Program for Marina del Rey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Coastal Program for Marina del Rey consists of a Land Use Plan and Local Implementation Program, which includes a specific plan, a Transportation Improvement Program and related appendices (collectively referred to herein as the "certified LCP"); and

**WHEREAS**, an amendment to the certified LCP element of the Los Angeles County General Plan is necessary at this time to address unique circumstances in the unincorporated territory of Marina del Rey; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendment to the certified LCP includes modifications to the Land Use Plan and Local Implementation Program and related text, for the unincorporated area of Marina del Rey commonly known as Parcel "OT"; and

**WHEREAS**, an Environmental Impact Report for the project has been completed and certified by the Commission in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State and County guidelines relating thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Planning Commission has considered the public testimony, the recommendations and testimony of the Regional Planning Department staff, and the Environmental Impact Report, including the documentation within each case file; and

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Planning Commission finds as follows:

1. The subject property is located near the northeast corner of the intersection of Admiralty Way and Palawan Way, in Marina del Rey and in the Playa Vista Zoned District., also known as Marina del Rey Parcel OT.
2. The 2.08-acre subject property is located on gently sloping terrain in a highly urbanized area devoted primarily to recreational boating, visitor serving uses and multi-family residential uses. Washington Blvd fronts the subject property to the north; Admiralty Way fronts the subject property to the south; the Oxford Flood Control Basin adjoins the subject property to the east; and Marina del Rey Parcel 145 adjoins the subject property to the west. The County of Los Angeles owns fee title to the subject property, and will enter into a long-term lease agreement with the applicant regarding the parcel prior to the applicant's development of the proposed project.
3. The subject property is zoned "Specific Plan" within the Marina Del Rey Local Coastal Program (LCP). The subject parcel's existing land use designation per the LCP is Parking; however, the applicant is requesting an amendment to the LCP to change the subject parcel's land use designation to Active Senior Accommodations Facility
4. Zoning designations on the surrounding properties consist of the following:
  - North: Multifamily Residential (City of Los Angeles)
  - South: Visitor-Serving/ Convenience Commercial/Water (per MDR Specific Plan)
  - West: Hotel/Residential V (per MDR Specific Plan)
  - East: Open Space (per MDR Specific Plan)

5. The subject property is currently developed with a surface parking lot containing 186 public parking spaces and appurtenant landscaping.
6. Land Use on surrounding properties consist of the following:
  - North: Multi-family residential (apartments) and Marina Basin C
  - South: Multi-family residential (apartments)
  - West: Multi-family residential (condominiums in City of Los Angeles)
  - East: Multi-family residential (apartments)
7. In May of 1995, Coastal Development Permit 94-150 was approved to allow 93 public parking spaces on Parcel OT to be used for offsite parking related to a charter boat operation. No previous zoning enforcement cases were found for the subject property.
8. The site plans and elevations depict one (1) 257,370 square foot structure on 2.10 acres of land. The proposed structure has a ground floor (level one) with 44 parking spaces, and a 3,500 square foot Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial space. The second level contains 117 parking spaces, the senior accommodation facility's lobby, reception area, staff offices and lounges for both staff and the seniors. The third level depicts 18 units, a screening room, beauty salon, card room, arts and crafts room, library, bathrooms, gym, three communal dining areas and the facility's kitchen. The fourth, fifth and sixth levels each consist of 32 units, a lounge, a sitting room and two laundry rooms. The proposed structure has a maximum roof height of 75 feet above grade on the Washington Boulevard side and 67 feet in height on the Admiralty Way side.
9. The site plan depicts three vehicular entrances/exits into the building, one via the garage entrance on Washington Boulevard, one via a turn out on Admiralty Way and one via a garage entrance accessed from an alley that connects to both Washington Boulevard and Admiralty Way. Two parking levels are provided. The lower level provides 30 spaces for the senior facility and 14 spaces for the Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial use. The upper level provides 92 public parking spaces, 22 spaces for the senior facility and 3 spaces for maintenance vehicles. Seven of the 161 parking spaces are allocated to persons with disabilities.
10. The subject parcel is currently designated "Parking" in the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan and Specific Plan. In order to facilitate development of the proposed project, the applicant is requesting amendments to the LCP (see

Local Coastal Program Amendment No. RPA200600005) to transfer development potential between Development Zones (114 hotel units from the Admiralty DZ #7 and 3,500 square feet of Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial space from the Palawan/Beach DZ #5 to the Oxford DZ #6); the creation of an Active Seniors Accommodations Land Use Category in the LCP; the redesignation of Parcel OT's land use designation from "Parking" to the "Active Senior Accommodations Facility" designation with a Mixed Use Overlay Zone; the transfer 94 of the LCP required 186 public parking spaces on Parcel OT to Parcel 21; and the adjustment of the parcel boundary between Parcel OT (Currently designated as Parking in the LCP) and Parcel P (Currently designated as Open Space in the LCP), which would also necessitate adjustment to the land use categories of both parcels to the corresponding LCP maps. Parcel P currently has an area 10.72 acres and Parcel OT has an area 1.6 acres. If the proposed amendment to give 19,755 square feet of Parcel P to Parcel OT is approved, Parcel P will be reduced to 10.27 acres and Parcel OT will be increased to 2.10 acres.

11. The proposed transfer of 114 Hotel development units and 3,500 square feet of Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial space into the subject Oxford Development Zone is necessary because there no existing Hotel or Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial development potential in the Oxford Development Zone.
12. During the public hearing conducted by the Commission regarding the subject amendment to the certified LCP and associated project permits and Draft Environmental Impact Report, speakers testified in opposition to approval of the subject amendment to the certified LCP, alleging, among other things, that the movement/transfer of development units between Development Zones is not permitted in the certified LCP and should not be authorized in the instant case.
13. The Commission finds there is clear precedent for the proposed inter-Development Zone transfer of development units; a previous LCP amendment approval for Marina Parcel 20, certified by the California Coastal Commission, authorized the transfer of 97 development units from the Bora Bora DZ into the Panay DZ (see approval for County Project No. 98-172-4). A traffic analysis has been prepared for the subject project which has determined that the traffic and circulation impacts of the proposed inter-Development Zone transfer, within the LCP study area, of excess development units will have no adverse impact on traffic circulation in the project vicinity. The County Department of Public Works' Traffic & Lighting Division has reviewed and approved the project traffic study and concurs with the traffic report's finding that the proposed transfer of dwelling units will not impact traffic or circulation patterns within or outside of the Marina. The Commission finds that the proposed transfer of the development



allocation among different Development Zones is consistent with the goals and policies of the certified LCP inasmuch as it will neither result in additional development as contemplated in the certified LCP nor result in additional traffic impacts as contemplated in the certified LCP.

14. During the public hearing before the Commission regarding the subject amendment to the certified LCP and associated project permits and Draft Environmental Impact Report, persons testified in opposition to approval of the subject LCP amendment, stating that, pursuant to the certified LCP, Parcel OT may only be converted to a public park, and no other land use.
15. The applicant is requesting the associated amendment to the certified LCP in order to amend the certified LCP in a manner that will accommodate the proposed development on the subject parcel. The Commission finds that the benefit of bringing the type of senior housing proposed by the petitioner (A specialized facility where units shall not provide a kitchen. However, communal dining facilities shall be available on-site. Mixed use services provided on-site for residents may include, but are not limited to the following: concierge, dry cleaners, laundry, hair and beauty salon, spa, recreation room, lounge, shuttle/limousine, travel, maid, linen, and other similar personal services) into the Marina and the transfer of 94 public parking spaces to a location nearer a visitor attraction, Marina Beach, justifies the conversion of a public parking lot into a senior accommodations facility.
16. A qualified engineering firm performed Rowan, Williams, Davies and Irwin, Inc. (RWDI), a licensed engineering firm, performed a detailed assessment of the proposed development. The analysis studied the projects potential impacts on winds coming from the east, west, southwest and west-southwest directions. The analysis concluded that winds coming from the east, southwest and west-south west direction that come in contact with the proposed Parcel OT building would likely stay on land, rather than enter the Marina basins, and thus would not have an impact on sailing in the Marina. The analysis further concluded that due to the height of the hotel next to the project site and the condominium towers located southeast of the site, the projects impacts on winds from the west would also be insignificant.
17. The Commission has reviewed RWDI's wind report for the project and deems them to constitute credible evidence substantiating that development of the subject building on Parcel OT will not significantly increase infringements of wind access for boats in their berths, in the fairways, or in the Main Channel, nor adversely impact winds utilized by birds in flight.
18. The Commission finds that the subject Parcel OT is currently improved with a public surface parking lot, which, due to its relatively distant location from

recreational uses or visitor attractions in the Marina, has been and continues to be underutilized by the public.

19. The underutilization of the Parcel OT parking lot and the resulting contemplation for the parcel's conversion from parking to another use is further confirmed on Page 2-5 of Chapter A.2 of the LUP (Recreation & Visitor-Serving Facilities), which states, under the "Potential Conversion of Public Parking Lots" subsection: "Lots FF and OT, both on the west side of the Marina, are under utilized throughout most of the year. They are being contemplated for development as residential uses."
20. The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches & Harbors' comprehensive March 2009 Right-Sizing Study of Parking Lots in Marina del Rey, concludes the public's use of Parcel OT parking is minimal. The County's Right-Sizing Study, which the Commission has reviewed and is included in the administrative file for this case, was based on field observations in 2005 and 2007. Moreover, the California Coastal Commission's April 2009 Revised Findings in support of its Periodic Review of the Marina del Rey LCP also found that the lot is underutilized by the public because it is not located near visitor-serving or recreational attractions.
21. Having considered the foregoing evidence demonstrating the public's historic and ongoing use of the public parking spaces located at Parcel OT is minimal, the Commission hereby finds that no public parking shortage will occur as a result of the proposed conversion of Parcel OT from its current parking use to the applicant's proposed active senior accommodation facility. The Commission further finds that the County's proposal to relocate 94 of the 186 public parking spaces that currently exist on Parcel OT to Parcel 21, will serve to enhance the public's access to the Coast by providing the public parking at a more desirable location in direct proximity to visitor-serving or recreational attractions.
22. During the public hearing before the Commission regarding the subject amendment to the certified LCP and associated project permits and Draft Environmental Impact Report, speakers testified in opposition to approval of the subject amendment to the certified LCP, stating that approval of the LCP amendment and associated project permits would constitute piecemealing in violation of CEQA.
23. The Commission finds that adoption of the subject amendment to the certified LCP, approval of the Project Permits and certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report does not constitute piecemealing pursuant to CEQA or other applicable laws. Under the CEQA guidelines, the County has overseen preparation of a single, comprehensive Environmental Impact Report in order to evaluate the potential project-specific and cumulative

environmental impacts associated with the subject project on Parcel OT and another proposed development project on nearby Marina del Rey Parcel 21 (located south of Parcel OT on Panay Way). The Parcel 21 project (reference County Project No. R2006-02726-(4)) is a request to demolish all existing landside improvements and subsequently construct a structure with 2,916 square feet of Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial uses, 11,432 square feet of marine commercial uses, a 5,000 square foot yacht club, 6,000 square foot health club, a 447 space six-level parking structure, an adjacent waterfront public pedestrian promenade, and other site amenities and facilities. The EIR also considered potential cumulative impacts associated with reasonably foreseeable related projects located within and outside of the Marina.

24. The Commission finds that this comprehensive EIR processing approach for the above-referenced development projects, while being fully compliant with CEQA and other applicable laws, has afforded the public and the Commission an enhanced understanding of the numerous land use planning and environmental issues associated with developing the subject property and nearby Marina Parcel 21.
25. Concurrently with the above-mentioned local coastal program plan amendment, the applicant is requesting a Coastal Development Permit to authorize the demolition of an existing public surface parking lot containing 186 parking spaces and appurtenant landscaping located on Marina del Rey Parcel OT, and to subsequently construct a 114-unit, maximum 75-foot-tall Senior Accommodations Facility with landscaping, hardscape, garage parking, and other site amenities and appurtenant facilities on the subject parcel. The building will also contain 3,500 square feet of visitor-serving/convenience commercial space and 92 public parking spaces. Collectively, the requested discretionary land use permits for the project are referred to herein as the "Project Permits."
26. The Commission finds the applicant has submitted substantial evidence, in the form of detailed written findings and other written correspondence to the Commission and verbal testimony during the public hearing before the Commission, which satisfies the burden of proof for approval of the subject amendment to the certified Local Coastal Program, which evidence addresses the need for the development, the appropriateness of the subject LCP amendment, and how the subject amendment will be in the interest of the public health, safety and general welfare, and in conformity with good planning practices. Based on the evidence submitted into the record during the Commission's consideration of this case, the Commission finds the subject amendment to the certified LCP is consistent with the goals, policies and programs of the Los Angeles County General Plan and the certified LCP, and that there is a need for the adoption of the subject LCP amendment in order to facilitate the construction and operation of the

proposed use. Based on the evidence considered by the Commission, the Commission further finds that the proposed project will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property or other persons located in the vicinity of the site.

27. The Commission finds the subject property is presently underutilized. In addition, the Commission finds the proposed use of the parcel would be consistent with development in the vicinity of the project site and has been designed to be compatible with the surrounding area in terms of land use patterns, design, and established community character. The Commission finds that the project's compatibility with surrounding land uses will be ensured through the numerous conditions imposed on the associated project Coastal Development Permit, Conditional Use Permit, Parking Permit, and mitigation measures.
28. The Commission finds the project will be reasonably proximate to public transit and necessary services and facilities.
29. The Commission finds the project to be consistent with the goal of the certified LCP to encourage controlled change in the Marina over the next 30 years. The project is also consistent with the certified LCP's goal to encourage private lessees within the Marina to replace and update facilities to maintain the physical and economic viability of the Marina.
30. The subject amendment to the certified LCP constitutes an amendment to the Los Angeles County General Plan and a change to the County Zoning Ordinance.
31. The proposed project, in summary:
  - a. Avoids premature conversion of undeveloped land to urban uses;
  - b. Promotes the distribution of population consistent with service system capacity, resource availability, environmental limitations, and accessibility;
  - c. Directs urban development and revitalization efforts to protect natural and man-made amenities and to avoid severe hazard areas, such as active fault zones, steep hillside areas, and high fire hazard area;
  - d. Encourages the efficient use of land through a more concentrated pattern of urban development, including the focusing of a new urban growth in the areas of suitable land;

- e. Ensures that new development and urban expansion areas will occur in a manner consistent with stated plan policies and will pay for marginal and public costs that it generates;
  - f. Focuses intensive urban uses in inter-dependent systems of activity centers located to effectively provide services throughout the urban area, including adequate transportation facilities; and
32. In connection with its approval of the Project Permits, The Commission, certified that it has independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared by Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning as lead agency prior to approving the project; certified the EIR; adopted the Mitigation Monitoring Plan (MMP) which is appended to and included in the attached conditions of approval for the associated Project Permits, finding that, pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, the MMP is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation; determined that the conditions of approval attached to the Project Permits are the only mitigation measures for the project which are feasible and that the unavoidable significant effects of the project after adoption of said mitigation measures are as described in these findings; determined that the remaining, unavoidable environmental effects of the project have been reduced to an acceptable level and are outweighed by specific health and safety, economic, social and/or environmental benefits of the project as stated in the findings and in the Environmental Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted for the project, which findings and statement are incorporated herein by reference.
33. A Final Environmental Impact Report for the project has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State Guidelines, and the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines of the County of Los Angeles. The Final Environmental Impact Report consists of the Draft EIR, the Technical Appendices to the Draft EIR and the Final EIR, including responses to comments. A Mitigation Monitoring Program consistent with the conclusions and recommendations of the FEIR has been prepared, and its requirements have been incorporated into the conditions of approval for this project. On April 28, 2010, the Commission certified the FEIR prepared for the project pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21082.1(c)(3) and CEQA Guidelines, finding that (1) the FEIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA, (2) that the Commission had reviewed and considered the information contained in the FEIR prior to approving the project, and (3) that the FEIR reflected the Commission's independent judgment and analysis. Except for potentially significant noise impacts at the project level, and impacts related to traffic and visual quality when the project is viewed cumulatively with other projects in the area, identified significant impacts can be reduced to

acceptable levels with mitigation measures identified in the FEIR. As stated in the FEIR and Statement of Overriding Considerations, the project will result in the unavoidable potentially significant impacts mentioned above. Such impacts have been reduced to the extent feasible, and the Commission found that the benefits of the proposed project outweigh these unavoidable adverse impacts. Such unavoidable adverse impacts have been determined to be acceptable based upon the overriding considerations set forth in the Statement of Overriding Considerations for the project.

34. The Commission finds the recommended plan amendment will not place an undue burden upon the community's ability to provide necessary facilities and services, as outlined in the preceding findings of fact, the findings of fact for the associated Project Permits and the certified Final Environmental Impact Report prepared for the project.

**WHEREAS**, based upon the findings of fact described above, the Regional Planning Commission, having completed an independent review and analysis of the project, concludes that:

1. The site is suitable for the proposed use and intensity.
2. The recommended Local Coastal Program Amendment will not place an undue burden on the community's ability to provide necessary facilities and services.
3. The recommended Local Coastal Program Amendment is consistent with the goals, policies, and programs of the General Plan and will help implement the various objectives identified with respect to the Site.
4. The recommended Local Coastal Program Amendment is in the interest of public health, safety, and general welfare and is in conformity with good planning practice.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles hereby recommends that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Hold a public hearing to consider the above-recommended Local Coastal Program Amendment; and
2. Rely on the certified EIR in connection with its approval of the above-recommended Local Coastal Program Amendment;
3. Find that the recommended Local Coastal Program Amendment is consistent with the goals, policies and programs of the Los Angeles County General Plan and the Marina Del Rey Specific Plan; and

4. Adopt Local Coastal Program Amendment No. RPA200600005, amending the Land Use Map of the Marina Del Rey Specific Plan and the Land Use Policy Map of the Marina Del Rey Land Use Plan (and related text) regarding the 2.08-acre subject parcel as follows:

- Authorizing the creation of an Active Seniors Accommodations Land Use Category in the LCP;
- Amending the subject parcel's LCP-designated land use designation from "Parking" to the "Active Senior Accommodations Facility" designation with a Mixed Use Overlay Zone;
- Authorizing the transfer of development potential between Development Zones (114 hotel units from the Admiralty Development Zone #7 and 3,500 square feet of Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial space from the Palawan/Beach Development Zone #5 to the Oxford Development Zone #6;
- Authorizing the transfer 94 of the LCP required 186 public parking spaces on Parcel OT to Parcel 21;
- Authorizing the adjustment of the parcel boundary between Parcel OT (Currently designated as Parking in the LCP) and Parcel P (Currently designated as Open Space in the LCP), which would also necessitate adjustment to the land use categories of both parcels to the corresponding LCP maps. Parcel P currently has an area 10.72 acres and Parcel OT has an area 1.6 acres. If the proposed amendment to give 19,755 square feet of Parcel P to Parcel OT is approved, Parcel P will be reduced to 10.27 acres and Parcel OT will be increased to 2.10 acres.

I hereby certify that the foregoing was adopted by a majority of the voting members of the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles on April 28, 2010.

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Rosie O. Ruiz, Secretary  
County of Los Angeles  
Regional Planning Commission

**FINDINGS OF FACT and  
STATEMENT of OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS  
Regarding OCEANA RETIREMENT FACILITY AND HOLIDAY HARBOR COURTS**

PROJECT NUMBERS: R2006-01510/R2006-02726  
COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT: RCDP 200600002/200600003  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: 200600115/200600223  
RENV: 200600109/200600177  
PLAN AMENDMENT RPA: 200600005  
PARKING PERMIT: RPKP 200600009/200600015  
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2007021133

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**FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING  
CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE FINAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
(STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2007021133)  
FOR "OCEANA RETIREMENT FACILITY AND HOLIDAY HARBOR COURTS"  
(COUNTY PROJECT NUMBERS R2006-01510/R2006-02726)**

The Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") of the County of Los Angeles ("County") hereby certifies "Marina del Rey Oceana Retirement Facility & Holiday Harbor Courts" Project Final Environmental Impact Report, State Clearinghouse Number 2007021133, which consists of the Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIR") dated August 2009, Technical Appendices to the DEIR dated August 2009, and the Final Environmental Impact Report dated April 2010, including Responses to Comments and revisions to the DEIR, collectively referred to as the "FEIR," and finds that the FEIR has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et seq.) ("CEQA"). The Commission further hereby certifies that it has received, reviewed and considered the information contained in the FEIR, the applications: Permit No. RCPD 200600002, Permit No. RCUP200600115, Permit No. RENV200600109, RPA200600109, and Permit No. RPKP200600009 for Parcel OT (Oceana Retirement Facility); and Permit No. R2006-02726, Permit No. RCDP200600003, Permit No. RENV200600177, Permit No. RPA200600010 and Permit No. RPKP200600009 for Parcel 21 (Holiday Harbor Courts), collectively, the "project," to permit the redevelopment of uses in the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program (the "LCP"), consisting of a 114-unit active seniors accommodations facility, ancillary facilities, 3,500 square feet of retail space, and 161 parking spaces on Parcel OT and 29,348 square feet of replacement marine commercial, yacht club, and health club uses, as well as a public park plaza, promenade, and 447 parking spaces on Parcel 21; all hearings, and submissions of testimony from officials and departments of the County; the Applicant (as defined below); the public and other municipalities and agencies; and all other pertinent information in the record of proceedings.

Concurrently with the adoption of these findings, the Commission adopts the Mitigation Monitoring Plan attached as Exhibit A to these findings.

Having received, reviewed and considered the foregoing information, as well as any and all other information in the record, the Commission hereby makes findings pursuant to and in accordance with Section 21081 of the Public Resources Code as follows:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.
- (b) Those changes or alterations are within the responsibility and jurisdiction of another public agency and have been, or can and should be, adopted by that other agency,
- (c) Specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other considerations make infeasible the mitigation measures or alternatives identified in the environmental impact report.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **The Environmental Impact Report Process**

The Applicants initially filed applications for the Oceana Retirement Facility on May 16, 2006 and on September 13, 2006 for the Holiday Harbor Courts project. The County completed an Initial Study of the project and determined that an Environmental Impact Report was required. A Notice of Preparation (NOP) was therefore issued for the project on March 1, 2007 and publicly circulated until March 30, 2007 to solicit comments on the proposed content of the EIR. Additionally, a public scoping meeting was held on August 9, 2007, and the opportunity for the public to comment further was extended from August 9, 2007 through August 23, 2007. Potential environmental impact areas addressed in the DEIR include geotechnical hazards, noise, water quality, air quality, biota, cultural resources, visual qualities, traffic/access, water supply, environmental safety, land use, and global climate change. The DEIR analyzed both project-specific and potential cumulative effects and identified mitigation measures to reduce or avoid the potential adverse effects of the proposed project. With respect to impacts, the DEIR found no impact would occur in several issue areas and that the

majority of impacts would be less than significant (with and without mitigation). Based on the analysis provided in Section VI of the DEIR, significant unavoidable impacts would occur with respect to Noise (outdoor on Parcel OT), Visual Qualities (height and massing on Parcel 21 and cumulative impact Parcels OT 21), and Traffic (cumulative impacts).

The DEIR also discussed seven potential alternatives to the proposed project, including (1) No Project; (2) No Change in Type of Land Use Development Potential in the Marina del Rey LCP; (3) Alternative Land Use – Public Park on Parcel OT and Boat Storage on Parcel 21; (4) Reduced Height Alternative; (5) No Lease Parcel Boundary Adjustment Alternative; and (6) No Retail Use on Parcel OT Alternative. Potential environmental impacts of each of these alternatives were discussed at the appropriate level of detail and comparisons were made to the proposed project. This range of reasonable alternatives has permitted a reasoned choice to be made by the Commission in directing specific changes to the Project. The Commission has reviewed each of the alternatives and recommends approval of the project, as revised during the public hearing process.

After conducting its own internal departmental review and analysis of the proposed project through the screencheck process, the Department of Regional Planning circulated copies of the preliminary DEIR to all affected County agencies. Interested County agencies provided written comments on the document, and those comments were incorporated within, and made a part of the Draft EIR.

The Draft EIR was made available for public comment and input for the period set forth by State law. Specifically, the public review period commenced September 3, 2009, when a Notice of Completion (NOC) was sent to the State Clearinghouse. The public review period lasted 45 days. A Notice of Availability (NOA) for Draft EIR was published in *The Argonaut* newspaper and a public hearing notice was sent to property owners within a 500-foot radius of the proposed Project site and to known interested individuals and organizations. Copies of the Draft EIR were also made available at Department of Regional Planning and in the following local public libraries, Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey County Library, Culver City Julian Dixon Library, and Venice-Abbot Kinney Memorial Library.

The Commission held duly noticed public hearings on October 21, 2009, and December 16, 2009, when the public hearing before the Commission was closed.

Detailed responses to the comments received regarding the project and the analyses of the Draft EIR were prepared with assistance by a private consultant, reviewed, and revised as necessary to reflect the County's independent judgment on issues raised. These Responses to Comments are embodied in the FEIR.

On April 28, 2010, the Commission made environmental findings, certified the FEIR and adopted orders approving the Coastal Development Permits, Conditional Use Permits, and Parking Permits for both the Ocean Retirement Facility and the Holiday Harbor Courts projects. Additionally, the Commission recommended approval of the Local Coastal Plan Amendment for the Oceana Retirement Facility to the County Board of Supervisors.

The FEIR has been prepared by the County in accordance with CEQA, as amended, State CEQA Guidelines and County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. More specifically, the County has relied on Section 15084(d)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, which allows acceptance of drafts prepared by the applicant, a consultant retained by the applicant, or any other person. The Department of Regional Planning, acting for the County, has reviewed and edited as necessary the submitted drafts to reflect its own independent judgment, including reliance on County technical personnel from other departments.

Section 1 of these findings discusses the potential environmental effects of the Project which are not significant or which have been mitigated to a less than significant level. Section 2 discusses the significant environmental effects of the Project, which cannot be feasibly mitigated to a level of insignificance. Section 3 discusses the growth-inducing impacts of the Project. Section 4 discusses the alternatives to the Project discussed in the FEIR. Section 5 discusses the mitigation-monitoring program for the Project. Section 6 contains the Statement of Overriding Considerations. Section 7 contains the Section 15091 and 15092 findings. Section 8 contains the Section 21082.1(c)(3) findings. Section 9 identifies the custodian of the record upon which these findings are based. Section 10 discusses *de minimis* impacts on fish and wildlife. Section 11 discusses the relationship between these findings and the DEIR and FEIR.

The findings set forth in each section are supported by substantial evidence in the administrative record of the Project.

#### **Project Description; Minor Changes**

Holiday-Panay Way Marina, L.P. and MDR Oceana, LLC, (individually, referred to as an “Applicant” and collectively, the “Applicants”) propose redevelopment of existing uses located on two parcels, which the Applicants lease from the County within Marina del Rey. MDR Oceana, LLC proposes the Oceana Retirement Facility for a 2.08-acre site consisting of Parcel OT and a portion of Parcel P (19,755 square feet (s.f.)). Holiday-Panay Way Marina, L.P. proposes the Holiday Harbor Courts commercial development for Parcel 21, which is a 2.55-acre site on Panay Way.

The Applicant’s initial development proposal, reflected in its initial development application to the County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning (“DRP”), for Parcel OT was to replace an existing 186-space parking lot with a 114-unit active seniors accommodations facility and ancillary facilities, 5,000 square feet of retail space, and on-site parking. The original development proposal contemplated development of Parcel OT to include a total of 154 spaces, 42 spaces for the active seniors accommodations (a ratio of 0.36 spaces per unit), 92 public parking spaces and 20 spaces for the retail use. The resident parking spaces would be designated and gated in the structure.

In response to comments raised during the Regional Planning Commission hearings and the EIR process, the applicant compared parking at a similar facility, the Palm Court facility in Culver City. Based on the results of the study, a more conservative ratio of 0.484 parking spaces per unit, was imposed. The increased ratio resulted in a need for 55 spaces for the 114 unit active senior living accommodations instead of the 42 spaces previously planned. In order to accommodate the additional spaces, the project design was revised to reduce the 5,000 square feet of retail space to 3,500 square feet and 14 retail parking spaces. The number of public parking spaces to be provided remains unchanged at 92. There has been no net change to the square footage of the active seniors accommodation building. A corresponding change

to the request to transfer retail space from the Palawan/Beach Development Zone has been made as well.

As a result of these changes, the project would reduce the intensity of development on Parcel OT because it would replace 1,500 square feet of proposed retail space with additional parking spaces for the proposed senior facility; reducing retail associated traffic at this site by 67 trips. However, since the retail uses were transferred from another site along Washington Boulevard, the impacts to Washington Boulevard remain approximately the same as anticipated in the Marina del Rey LCP. Overall, the project would be substantially similar to the project described in the EIR and the changes to the proposed would not have the potential to have increased adverse environmental impacts over the scenario that was analyzed in the DEIR. This project revision is a variant of Alternative 6, which proposed the elimination of retail uses. In proposing a reduction, the proposed project represents a modification that, while not reaching the extent of impact reduction in Alternative 6, does somewhat reduce impacts.

The proposed project was presented to the DCB for reconsideration of the public amenity improvements on Parcel OT and the promenade improvements on Parcel 21 and was granted conceptual approval on February 17, 2010. The following minor changes and enhancements do not constitute substantial changes to the project and would not alter the impact conclusions for the environmental impact areas analyzed; all changes have been incorporated and are reflected in the revised project plans provided in Section II of the FEIR:

#### Parcel OT

- Planting and landscaping along Washington Boulevard was expanded to further define the seating area in the retail plaza.
- Improvements were made along Admiralty Way consisting of: a) lower, more adrift planters, b) additional trees in the landscaped area, c) wider sidewalk along the drop off to six feet, and d) connection of the color of sidewalk paving crossing the drop off driveway.
- Security gates were added at the entrance of the senior facility, public and retail parking (on both levels).

- Fences were placed between adjacent parking uses to prevent movement between public and private parking areas: retail parking was separated from senior facility parking on the lower level; public parking was separated from senior facility parking on the upper level.

#### Parcel 21

- Improvements were made to the promenade including: the modification of hardscape to be more compatible with the existing promenade (on Parcel 20), the addition of drinking water fountain, the addition of shade structures over selected seating benches along with additional landscaping, and additional landscaping along the building.
- Improvements were made to the community plaza including: the modification of hardscape to be more compatible with the design of the promenade and the rearrangement of some of the seating to partially face each other.

Subsequent to circulation of the Draft EIR, the Department of Beaches and Harbors reviewed the requested project approvals as described in the Draft EIR and identified the following corrections with regard to Parcel 21. Specifically, Parcel 21 does not require a LCP amendment since it is currently designated marine commercial, and all uses proposed are permitted subject to a conditional use permit or as a matter of right.

- Development of the proposed parking spaces on Parcel 21 does not require a transfer of parking from Parcel OT, as the proposal to relocate public parking to an area of greater demand (the Marina Beach area) is addressed by the LCPA for Parcel OT. In any event, parking is permitted on the Parcel 21 site. The proposal does require a Parking Permit.
- Transfer of yacht club and marine commercial uses from Parcel 20 to Parcel 21 does not require a Local Coastal Plan (LCP) amendment, as yacht clubs are a permitted use in the Marina Commercial district subject to a conditional use permit.

The enlargement of Parcel GR by 207 feet of frontage or 31,050 square feet with a corresponding reduction in Parcel 21 through a parcel lease termination is a result of the lease negotiations on Parcel 21, and is not formally a part of the proposed Parcel 21 project. The County of Los Angeles will consider the implementation of the parking opportunity in

connection with the Pipeline Projects Local Coastal Program amendment intended to address all of the currently proposed projects requiring LCP amendments in Marina del Rey.

Therefore, the correct list of approvals required for the Parcel 21 project is:

- Conditional Use Permit (CUP), Coastal Development Permit (CDP), and Parking Permit.

Section 15088.5(a) of the *State CEQA Guidelines* states that a "lead agency is required to re-circulate an EIR when significant new information is added after public notice is given of the availability of the Draft EIR for public review under Section 15087 but before circulation."

Section 15088.5 also states that:

"New information added to an EIR is not "Significant" unless the EIR is changed in a way that deprives the public of a meaningful opportunity to comment upon a substantial adverse effect (including a feasible project alternative) that the project's proponents have declined to implement. "Significant information" requiring recirculation includes, for example, a disclosure showing that:

(1) A new significant environmental impact would result from the project or from a new mitigation measure proposed to be implemented.

(2) A substantial increase in the severity of an environmental impact would result unless mitigation measures are adopted that reduce the impact to a level of insignificance.

(3) A feasible project alternative of mitigation measure considerably different from others previously analyzed would clearly lessen the significant environmental impacts of the project, but the project's proponents decline to adopt it.

(4) The draft EIR was so fundamentally and basically inadequate and conclusory in nature that meaningful public review and comment were precluded.

The above project design revisions were evaluated in the FEIR, where it was determined that the revisions would not increase the severity of any significant impact nor create a new significant impact or otherwise require recirculation of the DEIR.



## **SECTION 1**

### **POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS WHICH ARE NOT SIGNIFICANT OR WHICH HAVE BEEN MITIGATED TO A LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT LEVEL**

All FEIR mitigation measures (as set forth in the Mitigation Monitoring Plan attached as Exhibit A to these findings) have been incorporated by reference into the conditions of approval for the Coastal Development Permits, Conditional Use Permits, Plan Amendments, and Parking Permits. In addition, the other conditions of approval for the requested discretionary actions further mitigate the potential effects of the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects.

The Commission has determined, based on the FEIR, that project design features, mitigation measures, and conditions of approval will reduce project-specific impacts concerning geotechnical hazards, noise (construction), water quality, air quality, biota, cultural resources, visual qualities (lighting and glare) traffic/access (operational), water supply, environmental safety, land use, and global climate change to less than significant levels associated with each of the respective project sites, Parcel OT and Parcel 21, as appropriate. The Commission has further determined, based on the FEIR, that there are no significant cumulative impacts, or that project design features, mitigation measures and conditions of approval will reduce the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects' contribution to less than significant levels, concerning geotechnical hazards, noise, water quality, air quality, biota, cultural resources, visual qualities (lighting and glare), water supply, environmental safety, land use, and global climate change.

**(1) Geotechnical Hazards**

***Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts Project***

***Potential Effect***

Geologic hazards that may affect the proposed development on Parcels OT and 21 include seismic shaking and other earthquake-related hazards. Secondary seismic hazards related to ground shaking include liquefaction, seismic induced ground subsidence and ground damage, lateral spreading, seiches, and tsunamis could also occur.

As groundwater may occur at depths as shallow as five feet below grade, and subterranean parking is proposed for both Parcels OT and 21 deeper than the groundwater table, the effects of groundwater during both the construction and operation phases of the respective project sites may have a significant impact.

***Finding***

With implementation of the measures identified in this section, conditions of approval, and the incorporation of design features for the respective project sites, potential geotechnical hazards impacts will be reduced to a less than significant level on Parcel OT and Parcel 21 by designing and constructing the structures in conformance with the most stringent safety standards consistent with all applicable local, state and federal regulations, such as the Uniform Building Code and Los Angeles County Building Code for seismic safety. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

***Facts***

Geotechnical Hazards impacts are discussed on in Section IV. A of the DEIR. Required conformance to the Uniform Building Code and County of Los Angeles Building Code requirements renders potential impacts related to fault rupture and seismic shaking less than significant on Parcel OT and Parcel 21. The above finding is made in that the following

mitigation measures will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts:

**Groundwater:**

GEO-1 The applicant shall implement the geotechnical engineering recommendations related to groundwater of the geotechnical engineer and/or others, as well as conform to all subsequent conditions that are imposed on the project and are deemed appropriate and necessary during grading, construction, and/or operation of the proposed developments at Parcel OT and Parcel 21.

**Soil Conditions:**

GEO-2 The applicant shall implement the geotechnical engineering recommendations related to soil condition improvement of the geotechnical engineer and/or others, as well as conform to all subsequent conditions that are imposed on the project and are deemed appropriate and necessary during grading, construction, and/or operation of the proposed developments at Parcel OT and Parcel 21.

**Secondary Seismic Hazards:**

GEO-3 The applicant shall implement the geotechnical engineering recommendations related to secondary seismic hazards (liquefaction, ground subsidence, and lateral spreading) of the geotechnical engineer and/or others, as well as conform to all subsequent conditions that are imposed on the project and are deemed appropriate and necessary during grading, construction, and/or operation of the proposed developments at Parcel OT and Parcel 21.

**Seiches and Tsunamis:**

GEO-4 The applicant shall prepare emergency evacuation plans for both Parcel OT and Parcel 21, subject to the review and approval of the Fire Department.

## ***Parcel OT Project***

### ***Potential Effect***

Geologic hazards that may affect the proposed development on Parcel OT include seismic shaking and other earthquake-related hazards. Secondary seismic hazards related to ground shaking include liquefaction, seismic induced ground subsidence and ground damage, lateral spreading, seiches, and tsunamis could also occur.

As groundwater may occur at depths as shallow as five feet below grade, and subterranean parking is proposed for both Parcels OT deeper than the groundwater table, the effects of groundwater during both the construction and operation phases may result in a significant impact. Since the fill material of Parcel OT is poorly compacted and contains significant amounts of debris and other foreign matter, it is not suitable in its current condition for supporting foundations.

### ***Finding***

With implementation of the measures identified in this section, conditions of approval, and the incorporation of design features, potential geotechnical hazards impacts will be reduced to a less than significant level on Parcel OT by designing and constructing the structures in conformance with the most stringent safety standards consistent with all applicable local, state and federal regulations, such as the Uniform Building Code and Los Angeles County Building Code for seismic safety. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

### ***Facts***

Geotechnical Hazards impacts are discussed on in Section IV. A of the DEIR. Required conformance to the Uniform Building Code and County of Los Angeles Building Code requirements renders potential impacts related to fault rupture and seismic shaking less than significant on Parcel OT. The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts for the Parcel OT project:

**Groundwater:**

GEO-1 The applicant shall implement the geotechnical engineering recommendations related to groundwater of the geotechnical engineer and/or others, as well as conform to all subsequent conditions that are imposed on the project and are deemed appropriate and necessary during grading, construction, and/or operation of the proposed developments at Parcel OT and Parcel 21.

**Soil Conditions:**

GEO-2 The applicant shall implement the geotechnical engineering recommendations related to soil condition improvement of the geotechnical engineer and/or others, as well as conform to all subsequent conditions that are imposed on the project and are deemed appropriate and necessary during grading, construction, and/or operation of the proposed developments at Parcel OT and Parcel 21.

**Secondary Seismic Hazards:**

GEO-3 The applicant shall implement the geotechnical engineering recommendations related to secondary seismic hazards (liquefaction, ground subsidence, and lateral spreading) of the geotechnical engineer and/or others, as well as conform to all subsequent conditions that are imposed on the project and are deemed appropriate and necessary during grading, construction, and/or operation of the proposed developments at Parcel OT and Parcel 21.

**Seiches and Tsunamis:**

GEO-4 The applicant shall prepare emergency evacuation plans for both Parcel OT and Parcel 21, subject to the review and approval of the Fire Department.

## ***Parcel 21 Project***

### ***Potential Effect***

Geologic hazards that may affect the proposed development on Parcel 21 include seismic shaking and other earthquake-related hazards. Secondary seismic hazards related to ground shaking include liquefaction, seismic induced ground subsidence and ground damage, lateral spreading, seiches, and tsunamis could also occur.

As groundwater may occur at depths as shallow as five feet below grade, and subterranean parking is proposed deeper than the groundwater table, the effects of groundwater during both the construction and operation phases may result in significant impacts. Impacts could occur related to significant amounts of debris, including large chunks of concrete, that were encountered during drilling and during construction of the structure on Parcel 20, which is adjacent to the east. Extensive debris removal should therefore be anticipated during grading for Parcel 21. Excavation bottoms at or below the groundwater level may not be firm and there may be a need to stabilize the excavation bottoms to provide a trafficable surface for pile driving and to construct the proposed pile caps and structural decks. Further, if the existing quay wall were to fail, the upper liquefied soils and the overlying soil crust under Parcel 21 would be subject to lateral spreading. Potential impacts involving development on Parcel 21 related unsuitable soils could be significant.

### ***Finding***

With implementation of the measures identified in this section, conditions of approval, and the incorporation of design features, potential geotechnical hazards impacts will be reduced to a less than significant level on Parcel 21 by designing and constructing the structures in conformance with the most stringent safety standards consistent with all applicable local, state and federal regulations, such as the Uniform Building Code and Los Angeles County Building Code for seismic safety. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

***Facts***

Geotechnical Hazards impacts are discussed on in Section IV. A of the DEIR. Required conformance to the Uniform Building Code and County of Los Angeles Building Code requirements renders potential impacts related to fault rupture and seismic shaking less than significant on Parcel 21. The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts for Parcel 21:

**Groundwater:**

GEO-1 The applicant shall implement the geotechnical engineering recommendations related to groundwater of the geotechnical engineer and/or others, as well as conform to all subsequent conditions that are imposed on the project and are deemed appropriate and necessary during grading, construction, and/or operation of the proposed developments at Parcel OT and Parcel 21.

**Soil Conditions:**

GEO-2 The applicant shall implement the geotechnical engineering recommendations related to soil condition improvement of the geotechnical engineer and/or others, as well as conform to all subsequent conditions that are imposed on the project and are deemed appropriate and necessary during grading, construction, and/or operation of the proposed developments at Parcel OT and Parcel 21.

**Secondary Seismic Hazards:**

GEO-3 The applicant shall implement the geotechnical engineering recommendations related to secondary seismic hazards (liquefaction, ground subsidence, and lateral spreading) of the geotechnical engineer and/or others, as well as conform to all subsequent conditions that are imposed on the project and are deemed appropriate and necessary during grading, construction, and/or operation of the proposed developments at Parcel OT and Parcel 21.

**Seiches and Tsunamis:**

GEO-4 The applicant shall prepare emergency evacuation plans for both Parcel OT and Parcel 21, subject to the review and approval of the Fire Department.

**(2) Noise*****Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts Project******Potential Effect (Construction)***

There are residential uses within the potential noise impact zone that could experience pile driving and construction noise in excess of noise ordinance standards at both the Parcel OT and 21 sites. If heavy equipment operations were to occur on Parcel OT or Parcel 21 during designated quiet periods, standards would be substantially exceeded, which could result in significant impacts from development on the respective project sites prior to mitigation. The County of Los Angeles Ordinances requires that construction noise from mobile noise sources not exceed 75 dB measured at nearby single-family residential property lines. The construction noise standard for multi-family uses is 80 dB, and 85 dB for hotel uses.

Construction noise from the project has the potential to have a temporary effect on wildlife. Construction noise impacts to wildlife are discussed in Section IV.E of the DEIR and (5) Biota below.

***Potential Effect (Operation)***

A significant impact associated with interior noise at Parcel OT resulting from adjacent roadway noise as well as from structural noise could occur. A significant and unavoidable impact from outdoor balconies would occur on Parcel OT (discussed in Section 2 below). It is anticipated that HVAC equipment, for Parcel 21 would be sited on the roof of the office/yacht club portion of the building. The apartments to the south of the project site, which are across Panay Way and are approximately 70 feet from the property line of Parcel 21, could experience a noise nuisance from this equipment. Cars driving and turning as well as accidental car alarm



initiation in parking structures could produce tire squeal and could have an impact on noise receptors.

***Finding***

With implementation of the conditions of approval and the incorporation of design features, potential noise impacts from construction of the proposed project will be reduced to a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

***Facts***

Noise impacts are discussed in Section IV.B of the DEIR. All construction activities would be subject to the requirements of the "County of Los Angeles Construction Equipment Noise Standards" and the Noise Control Ordinance of the County of Los Angeles (LACC 12.08.440) or similar ordinances in other jurisdictions. Compliance with the County's Noise Ordinance, along with incorporation of mitigation recommended, would adequately mitigate construction-related noise impacts, interior noise and structural noise at Parcel OT, and off-site noise at Parcel 21.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts:

**General Construction Noise:**

- N-1** Noise monitoring shall be performed by a qualified acoustician, who shall be responsible for posting notices at the construction sites describing the nature of the project and the duration and hours of construction, providing a phone number at which noise complaints may be registered, and responding to such complaints. If any violations occur, the equipment in question or barriers/shields shall be modified before pile driving or construction activities continue.

**Pile Driving:**

- N-2** The pile driver shall be shielded through noise blankets or a temporary barrier sufficiently to meet the Los Angeles County noise ordinance levels.
- N-3** Because the repetitive noise of pile driving may be intrusive even if ordinance standards are not exceeded, the allowable hours of pile driving shall be restricted from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from Monday through Friday.

**Non-pile Driving:**

- N-4** All construction and general maintenance activities, except in an emergency, shall be limited to the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and shall utilize the quietest equipment available.
- N-5** All on-site construction equipment shall have properly operating mufflers. Other measures shall be implemented wherever necessary to further reduce construction equipment noise. These may include, but are not limited to, utilizing ¾-inch plywood screening on semi-stationary equipment operating under full power for more than 60 minutes within a direct line of sight to any residential bedroom window.

**Interior Noise:**

- N-7** In order for the County interior standard of 45 dB CNEL to be met with a reasonable margin of safety, the applicant shall incorporate the use of dual-paned windows (STC=30 rated windows and/or sliding glass doors) and supplemental ventilation that includes a fresh air supply of 30 cubic feet per minute in the active seniors accommodations on Parcel OT.

**Structural Noise:**

- N-8** The applicant shall implement structural noise attenuation measures as required by the California Building Code.

**Off-Site Noise Exposure:**

- N-9** Heating, ventilation, or air conditioning (HVAC) equipment on Parcel 21 shall not operate between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., unless it is demonstrated by noise measurement that the noise level from such operation does not exceed a  $Leq_{50}$  of 45 dB at the closest residential property line.
- N-10** Although noise from the Parcel 21 parking structure is not expected to be any greater than what sensitive receivers currently experience in the project area, the applicant shall incorporate into the parking structure a design that coats the floor with a treatment or provides a swirled concrete texture that reduces tire squeal.
- N-11** Signage shall be posted that notifies parking structure users on Parcel 21 of possible penalties (such as reporting to the Sheriff's Department that may result in towing) for false alarms if their alarm does not comply with limits on frequency or duration of triggering an alarm.

***Parcel OT Project******Potential Effect (Construction)***

There are residential uses within the potential noise impact zone that could experience pile driving and construction noise in excess of noise ordinance standards. If heavy equipment operations were to occur on Parcel OT during designated quiet periods, standards would be substantially exceeded.

Construction noise from Parcel OT has the potential to have a temporary effect on wildlife. Construction noise impacts to wildlife are discussed in Section IV.E of the DEIR and (5) Biota below.

***Potential Effect (Operation)***

A significant impact associated with interior noise at Parcel OT resulting from adjacent roadway noise as well as from structural noise could occur. A significant and unavoidable impact from outdoor balconies would occur on Parcel OT (discussed in Section 2 below). Cars driving and turning as well as accidental car alarm initiation in parking structures could produce

tire squeal and could have an impact on noise receptors.

***Finding***

With implementation of the conditions of approval and the incorporation of design features, potential noise impacts from construction of the proposed project will be reduced to a less than significant level on Parcel OT. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

***Facts***

Noise impacts are discussed in Section IV.B of the DEIR. All construction activities on Parcel OT would be subject to the requirements of the "County of Los Angeles Construction Equipment Noise Standards" and the Noise Control Ordinance of the County of Los Angeles (LACC 12.08.440) or similar ordinances in other jurisdictions. Compliance with the County's Noise Ordinance, along with incorporation of mitigation recommended, would adequately mitigate construction-related noise impacts and interior noise and structural noise at Parcel OT.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts for the Parcel OT project:

**General Construction Noise:**

- N-1** Noise monitoring shall be performed by a qualified acoustician, who shall be responsible for posting notices at the construction sites describing the nature of the project and the duration and hours of construction, providing a phone number at which noise complaints may be registered, and responding to such complaints. If any violations occur, the equipment in question or barriers/shields shall be modified before pile driving or construction activities continue.

**Pile Driving:**

- N-2** The pile driver shall be shielded through noise blankets or a temporary barrier sufficiently to meet the Los Angeles County noise ordinance levels.
- N-3** Because the repetitive noise of pile driving may be intrusive even if ordinance standards are not exceeded, the allowable hours of pile driving shall be restricted from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from Monday through Friday.

**Non-pile Driving:**

- N-4** All construction and general maintenance activities, except in an emergency, shall be limited to the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and shall utilize the quietest equipment available.
- N-5** All on-site construction equipment shall have properly operating mufflers. Other measures shall be implemented wherever necessary to further reduce construction equipment noise. These may include, but are not limited to, utilizing ¾-inch plywood screening on semi-stationary equipment operating under full power for more than 60 minutes within a direct line of sight to any residential bedroom window.

**Interior Noise:**

- N-7** In order for the County interior standard of 45 dB CNEL to be met with a reasonable margin of safety, the applicant shall incorporate the use of dual-paned windows (STC=30 rated windows and/or sliding glass doors) and supplemental ventilation that includes a fresh air supply of 30 cubic feet per minute in the active seniors accommodations on Parcel OT.

**Structural Noise:**

- N-8** The applicant shall implement structural noise attenuation measures as required by the California Building Code.

- N-11** Signage shall be posted that notifies parking structure users on Parcel 21 of possible penalties (such as reporting to the Sheriff's Department that may result in towing) for false alarms if their alarm does not comply with limits on frequency or duration of triggering an alarm.

***Parcel 21 Project***

***Potential Effect (Construction)***

There are residential uses within the potential noise impact zone that could experience pile driving and construction noise in excess of noise ordinance standards. If heavy equipment operations were to occur on Parcel 21 during designated quiet periods, standards would be substantially exceeded.

***Potential Effect (Operation)***

It is anticipated that HVAC equipment, for Parcel 21 would be sited on the roof of the office/yacht club portion of the building. The apartments to the south of the project site, which are across Panay Way and are approximately 70 feet from the property line of Parcel 21, could experience a noise nuisance from this equipment. Therefore, the proposed project on Parcel 21 could result in a significant impact to noise-sensitive receivers related to HVAC equipment. Cars driving and turning as well as accidental car alarm initiation in parking structures could produce tire squeal and could have an impact on noise receptors.

***Finding***

With implementation of the conditions of approval and the incorporation of design features, potential noise impacts from construction of the proposed project will be reduced to a less than significant level on Parcel 21. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

**Facts**

Noise impacts are discussed in Section IV.B of the DEIR. All construction activities on Parcel 21 would be subject to the requirements of the "County of Los Angeles Construction Equipment Noise Standards" and the Noise Control Ordinance of the County of Los Angeles (LACC 12.08.440) or similar ordinances in other jurisdictions. Compliance with the County's Noise Ordinance, along with incorporation of mitigation recommended, would adequately mitigate construction-related noise impacts and off-site noise at Parcel 21.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts for Parcel 21:

**General Construction Noise:**

- N-1** Noise monitoring shall be performed by a qualified acoustician, who shall be responsible for posting notices at the construction sites describing the nature of the project and the duration and hours of construction, providing a phone number at which noise complaints may be registered, and responding to such complaints. If any violations occur, the equipment in question or barriers/shields shall be modified before pile driving or construction activities continue.

**Pile Driving:**

- N-2** The pile driver shall be shielded through noise blankets or a temporary barrier sufficiently to meet the Los Angeles County noise ordinance levels.
- N-3** Because the repetitive noise of pile driving may be intrusive even if ordinance standards are not exceeded, the allowable hours of pile driving shall be restricted from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from Monday through Friday.

**Non-pile Driving:**

- N-4** All construction and general maintenance activities, except in an emergency, shall be limited to the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and shall utilize the quietest equipment available.

**N-5** All on-site construction equipment shall have properly operating mufflers. Other measures shall be implemented wherever necessary to further reduce construction equipment noise. These may include, but are not limited to, utilizing ¾-inch plywood screening on semi-stationary equipment operating under full power for more than 60 minutes within a direct line of sight to any residential bedroom window.

**Off-Site Noise Exposure:**

**N-9** Heating, ventilation, or air conditioning (HVAC) equipment on Parcel 21 shall not operate between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., unless it is demonstrated by noise measurement that the noise level from such operation does not exceed a  $Leq_{50}$  of 45 dB at the closest residential property line.

**N-10** Although noise from the Parcel 21 parking structure is not expected to be any greater than what sensitive receivers currently experience in the project area, the applicant shall incorporate into the parking structure a design that coats the floor with a treatment or provides a swirled concrete texture that reduces tire squeal.

**N-11** Signage shall be posted that notifies parking structure users on Parcel 21 of possible penalties (such as reporting to the Sheriff's Department that may result in towing) for false alarms if their alarm does not comply with limits on frequency or duration of triggering an alarm.

**(3) Water Quality**

***Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts Project***

***Potential Effect***

If urban pollutants were to leave Parcel OT or Parcel 21 untreated, resulting in a change in water quality that violates Federal or State regulations, project development could create significant impacts on surface water quality. The potential effects on surface water quality in the area may in turn result in potential impacts on groundwater quality due to infiltration. Although there are no known uses of this groundwater, the indirect impacts on groundwater quality in this area from the development proposed are considered significant.



***Finding***

With implementation of the mitigations measures, conditions of approval, and the incorporation of design features, potential water quality impacts from the proposed developments will be reduced to a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

### ***Facts***

Water quality impacts are discussed in Section IV.C of the DEIR. During construction, the applicant is required to implement a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to be prepared by a qualified engineer and subject to review and approval by the LADPW. In addition, the project is subject to the General Permit/NPDES if it disturbs one acre or more of soil, or if the project results in the disturbance of less than one acre but is part of a larger common plan of development or sale of one or more acres. Construction on the project would result in soil disturbance of one acre or greater on each site and will require the preparation and implementation of a SWPPP meeting the requirements of the General Permit. This is achieved through the selection and implementation of structural and non-structural Best Management Practices (BMPs) specific to Parcel OT and Parcel 21.

The Los Angeles County Standard Urban Storm water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) requires Best Management Practices (BMPs) to avoid water quality impacts during the operational phase, including measures to assure that urban pollutants do not leave the project sites without treatment during 24-hour rainfall events that produce a specific volume of runoff from each site. A variety of filter treatment BMPs are available to meet regulatory requirements. Collection and treatment/filtering measures during operations on Parcel OT and Parcel 21 to control runoff and minimize possible contaminated runoff reaching the Oxford Retention Basin, Marina del Rey waters, Ballona Creek, or Pacific Ocean are anticipated as for each site part of the proposed project, along with implementation of other BMPs as required to comply with existing State and Federal water quality regulations.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of project approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts:

- WQ-1** Grading activities shall be planned during the Southern California dry season (April through October) to the extent feasible and practicable.
- WQ-2** The applicant shall prepare a Storm water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and submit it with the grading plan to the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works' Land Development Division for review and approval and apply the appropriate

BMPs identified. These may contain at a minimum the following items:

- During construction, contractors shall be required to utilize sandbags and berms to control runoff during on-site watering and periods of rain in order to minimize erosion, sedimentation, and surface water contamination.
- In order to intercept sediment-laden runoff generated during construction activities and trap and retain sediment, sediment basins shall be employed within the project site.
- Filter fences designed to intercept and detain sediment and trash while decreasing the velocity of runoff shall be employed within project sites.

**WQ-3** The applicant shall prepare a Drainage Concept and Standard Urban Storm water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) for both Parcels OT and 21, subject to review and approval by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works' Land Development Division. The SUSMP shall include best management practices for controlling and treating polluted runoff and removing floating solids from runoff. Any such best management practices or devices shall be incorporated as shown on the Drainage Concept as approved by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, if necessary, for compliance with applicable Total Maximum Daily Loads under the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

#### ***Parcel OT Project***

#### ***Potential Effect***

If urban pollutants were to leave Parcel OT untreated, resulting in a change in water quality that violates Federal or State regulations, development of the site could create significant impacts on surface water quality. The potential effects on surface water quality in the area from the development proposed on Parcel OT may in turn result in potential impacts on groundwater quality due to infiltration. Although there are no known uses of this groundwater on Parcel OT, the indirect impacts on groundwater quality in this area from the proposed development may be significant.

***Finding***

With implementation of the mitigations measures, conditions of approval, and the incorporation of design features, potential water quality impacts will be reduced to a less than significant level on Parcel. Therefore, the following finding is made for Parcel OT:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

***Facts***

Water quality impacts are discussed in Section IV.C of the DEIR. During construction, the applicant is required to implement a Storm water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to be prepared by a qualified engineer and subject to review and approval by the LADPW. In addition, construction on Parcel OT is subject to the General Permit/NPDES as it disturbs one acre or more of soil. This is achieved through the selection and implementation of structural and non-structural Best Management Practices (BMPs) specific to Parcel OT.

The Los Angeles County Standard Urban Storm water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) requires Best Management Practices (BMPs) to avoid water quality impacts during the operational phase on Parcel OT, including measures to assure that urban pollutants do not leave the project site without treatment during 24-hour rainfall events that produce a specific volume of runoff. A variety of filter treatment BMPs are available to meet regulatory requirements. Collection and treatment/filtering measures during operations on Parcel OT to control runoff and minimize possible contaminated runoff reaching the Oxford Retention Basin, Marina del Rey waters, Ballona Creek, or Pacific Ocean are anticipated along with implementation of other BMPs as required to comply with existing State and Federal water quality regulations.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of project approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts on Parcel OT:

**WQ-1** Grading activities shall be planned during the Southern California dry season (April through October) to the extent feasible and practicable.

**WQ-2** The applicant shall prepare a Storm water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and

submit it with the grading plan to the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works' Land Development Division for review and approval and apply the appropriate BMPs identified. These may contain at a minimum the following items:

- During construction, contractors shall be required to utilize sandbags and berms to control runoff during on-site watering and periods of rain in order to minimize erosion, sedimentation, and surface water contamination.
- In order to intercept sediment-laden runoff generated during construction activities and trap and retain sediment, sediment basins shall be employed within the project site.
- Filter fences designed to intercept and detain sediment and trash while decreasing the velocity of runoff shall be employed within project sites.

**WQ-3** The applicant shall prepare a Drainage Concept and Standard Urban Storm water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) for both Parcels OT and 21, subject to review and approval by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works' Land Development Division. The SUSMP shall include best management practices for controlling and treating polluted runoff and removing floating solids from runoff. Any such best management practices or devices shall be incorporated as shown on the Drainage Concept as approved by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, if necessary, for compliance with applicable Total Maximum Daily Loads under the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

#### ***Parcel 21 Project***

#### ***Potential Effect***

If urban pollutants were to leave Parcel 21 untreated, resulting in a change in water quality that violates Federal or State regulations, development could create significant impacts on surface water quality. The potential effects on surface water quality in the area may in turn result in potential impacts on groundwater quality due to infiltration. Although there are no known uses of this groundwater on Parcel 21, the indirect impacts on groundwater quality in

this area from the development may be significant.

***Finding***

With implementation of the mitigations measures, conditions of approval, and the incorporation of design features, potential water quality impacts from the proposed development will be reduced to a less than significant level on Parcel 21. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

***Facts***

Water quality impacts are discussed in Section IV.C of the DEIR. During construction, the Applicant is required to implement a Storm water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to be prepared by a qualified engineer and subject to review and approval by the LADPW. Construction on the Parcel 21 site would result in soil disturbance of one acre or greater and will require the preparation and implementation of a SWPPP meeting the requirements of the General Permit. This is achieved through the selection and implementation of structural and non-structural Best Management Practices (BMPs) specific to Parcel 21.

The Los Angeles County Standard Urban Storm water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) requires Best Management Practices (BMPs) to avoid water quality impacts during the operational phase on Parcel 21, including measures to assure that urban pollutants do not leave the project sites without treatment during 24-hour rainfall events that produce a specific volume of runoff from each site. A variety of filter treatment BMPs are available for Parcel 21 to meet regulatory requirements. Collection and treatment/filtering measures during operations on Parcel 21 to control runoff and minimize possible contaminated runoff reaching the Oxford Retention Basin, Marina del Rey waters, Ballona Creek, or Pacific Ocean are anticipated along with implementation of other BMPs as required to comply with existing State and Federal water quality regulations.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of project approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts on Parcel 21:

**WQ-1** Grading activities shall be planned during the Southern California dry season (April through October) to the extent feasible and practicable.

**WQ-2** The applicant shall prepare a Storm water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and submit it with the grading plan to the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works' Land Development Division for review and approval and apply the appropriate BMPs identified. These may contain at a minimum the following items:

- During construction, contractors shall be required to utilize sandbags and berms to control runoff during on-site watering and periods of rain in order to minimize erosion, sedimentation, and surface water contamination.
- In order to intercept sediment-laden runoff generated during construction activities and trap and retain sediment, sediment basins shall be employed within the project site.
- Filter fences designed to intercept and detain sediment and trash while decreasing the velocity of runoff shall be employed within project sites.

**WQ-3** The applicant shall prepare a Drainage Concept and Standard Urban Storm water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) for both Parcels OT and 21, subject to review and approval by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works' Land Development Division. The SUSMP shall include best management practices for controlling and treating polluted runoff and removing floating solids from runoff. Any such best management practices or devices shall be incorporated as shown on the Drainage Concept as approved by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, if necessary, for compliance with applicable Total Maximum Daily Loads under the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

**(4) Air Quality**

***Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts Project***

### ***Potential Effect***

Temporary construction activity emissions associated with development would include the generation of dust and equipment exhaust from demolition, grading and construction activities, and off-site emissions from construction employee commuting and/or trucks delivering building materials. During construction, could exceed Local Significance Thresholds for PM-10 and PM-2.5 emissions.

### ***Finding***

With implementation of the measures identified in this section, conditions of approval and the incorporation of design features, the potential impacts on air quality will be reduced to a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

### ***Facts***

Air quality impacts are discussed in Section IV.D of the DEIR. As with PM-10 emissions, the non-attainment status of the air basin and the cumulative impact of all regional construction suggest that all reasonably available control measures for diesel exhaust should be implemented even if individual thresholds are not exceeded. The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts:

- AQ-1** The applicant shall prepare a Construction Management Plan to control fugitive dust. At a minimum, the Plan shall include the following dust control measures:
- The simultaneous disturbance site should be minimized as much as possible.
  - The proposed project shall comply with SCAQMD established minimum requirements for construction activities to reduce fugitive dust and PM-10 emissions. A plan to control fugitive dust through the implementation of best available control measures shall be prepared and submitted to the County for



approval prior to the issuance of grading permits. The plan shall specify the dust control measures to be implemented. Such measures may include but are not limited to:

- a) Application of soil stabilizers to inactive areas;
  - b) Preparation of a high wind dust control plan and implement plan elements and terminate soil disturbance when winds exceed 25 mph;
  - c) Stabilization of previously disturbed areas if subsequent construction is delayed; and
  - d) Covering all stockpiles with tarps.
- The project proponent shall comply with all applicable SCAQMD Rules and Regulations including Rule 403 insuring the clean up of construction-related dirt on approach routes to the site. Rule 403 prohibits the release of fugitive dust emissions from any active operation, open storage pile or disturbed surface area visible beyond the property line of the emission source. Particulate matter on public roadways is also prohibited.
  - Adequate watering techniques shall be employed to mitigate the impact of construction-related dust particulates. Portions of the site that are undergoing surface earth moving operations shall be watered such that a crust will be formed on the ground surface, and then watered again at the end of each day. Watering of exposed surfaces and haul roads three times/day is recommended.
  - Any vegetative cover to be utilized onsite shall be planted as soon as possible to reduce the disturbed area subject to wind erosion. Irrigation systems required for these plants shall be installed as soon as possible to maintain good ground cover and to minimize wind erosion of the soil.
  - Any construction access roads (other than temporary access roads) shall be paved as soon as possible and cleaned after each workday. The maximum vehicle speed on unpaved roads shall be 15 mph.
  - Grading operations shall be suspended during any first stage ozone episodes.

**AQ-2** The applicant shall prepare a Construction Management Plan to control vehicle and equipment emissions during construction. At a minimum, the Plan shall incorporate the following mitigation measures:

- Construction parking shall be configured to minimize the potential for traffic interference and vehicle idling.
- Any construction equipment using direct internal combustion engines shall use a diesel fuel with a maximum of 0.05 percent sulfur and a four-degree retard.
- Equipment and vehicle engines shall be maintained in good condition and in proper tune, according to manufacturer's specifications and per SCAQMD rules, to minimize exhaust emissions. 90 day Low Nox tune-ups shall be required for off-road equipment.
- Tier 3 rated engines shall be used for all equipment during site grading, if available.
- Equipment whose engines are equipped with diesel oxidation catalysts shall be utilized, if available.
- Construction operations affecting off-site roadways shall be scheduled by implementing traffic hours and shall minimize obstruction of through-traffic lanes. Construction operations that may affect traffic flow on the arterial system shall be limited to off-peak hours, as permitted.
- Truck deliveries occurring during construction shall be consolidated to the extent feasible.
- Idling trucks or heavy equipment shall turn off their engines if the expected duration of idling exceeds five (5) minutes as required by law.
- On-site heavy equipment used during grading and construction shall be equipped with diesel particulate filters unless it is demonstrated that such equipment is not available or its use is not cost-competitive.
- All building construction shall comply with energy use guidelines in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations.

- To the extent that such measures are economically feasible/cost competitive, the applicant shall incorporate the following practices:
  - Utilizing electricity from power poles in place of temporary diesel or gasoline-powered generators;
  - Utilizing methanol or natural gas-powered mobile equipment and pile drivers in place of diesel; and
  - Utilizing propane or butane-powered on-site mobile equipment in place of gasoline.
- Construction equipment operations shall be suspended during any second stage smog alert.

#### ***Parcel OT Project***

#### ***Potential Effect***

Temporary construction activity emissions associated with development on Parcel OT would include the generation of dust and equipment exhaust from demolition, grading and construction activities, and off-site emissions from construction employee commuting and/or trucks delivering building materials. During construction, could exceed Local Significance Thresholds for PM-10 and PM-2.5 emissions.

#### ***Finding***

With implementation of the measure identified in this section, conditions of approval and the incorporation of design features, the potential impacts on air quality will be reduced to a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

#### ***Facts***

Air quality impacts are discussed in Section IV.D of the DEIR. As with PM-10 emissions, the non-attainment status of the air basin and the cumulative impact of all regional

construction suggest that all reasonably available control measures for diesel exhaust should be implemented even if individual thresholds are not exceeded. The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts:

**AQ-1** The applicant shall prepare a Construction Management Plan to control fugitive dust. At a minimum, the Plan shall include the following dust control measures:

- The simultaneous disturbance site should be minimized as much as possible.
- The proposed project shall comply with SCAQMD established minimum requirements for construction activities to reduce fugitive dust and PM-10 emissions. A plan to control fugitive dust through the implementation of best available control measures shall be prepared and submitted to the County for approval prior to the issuance of grading permits. The plan shall specify the dust control measures to be implemented. Such measures may include but are not limited to:
  - e) Application of soil stabilizers to inactive areas;
  - f) Preparation of a high wind dust control plan and implement plan elements and terminate soil disturbance when winds exceed 25 mph;
  - g) Stabilization of previously disturbed areas if subsequent construction is delayed; and
  - h) Covering all stockpiles with tarps.
- The project proponent shall comply with all applicable SCAQMD Rules and Regulations including Rule 403 insuring the clean up of construction-related dirt on approach routes to the site. Rule 403 prohibits the release of fugitive dust emissions from any active operation, open storage pile or disturbed surface area visible beyond the property line of the emission source. Particulate matter on public roadways is also prohibited.
- Adequate watering techniques shall be employed to mitigate the impact of

construction-related dust particulates. Portions of the site that are undergoing surface earth moving operations shall be watered such that a crust will be formed on the ground surface, and then watered again at the end of each day. Watering of exposed surfaces and haul roads three times/day is recommended.

- Any vegetative cover to be utilized onsite shall be planted as soon as possible to reduce the disturbed area subject to wind erosion. Irrigation systems required for these plants shall be installed as soon as possible to maintain good ground cover and to minimize wind erosion of the soil.
- Any construction access roads (other than temporary access roads) shall be paved as soon as possible and cleaned after each workday. The maximum vehicle speed on unpaved roads shall be 15 mph.
- Grading operations shall be suspended during any first stage ozone episodes.

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- Construction parking shall be configured to minimize the potential for traffic interference and vehicle idling.
- Any construction equipment using direct internal combustion engines shall use a diesel fuel with a maximum of 0.05 percent sulfur and a four-degree retard.
- Equipment and vehicle engines shall be maintained in good condition and in proper tune, according to manufacturer's specifications and per SCAQMD rules, to minimize exhaust emissions. 90 day Low Nox tune-ups shall be required for off-road equipment.
- Tier 3 rated engines shall be used for all equipment during site grading, if available.
- Equipment whose engines are equipped with diesel oxidation catalysts shall be utilized, if available.
- Construction operations affecting off-site roadways shall be scheduled by

implementing traffic hours and shall minimize obstruction of through-traffic lanes. Construction operations that may affect traffic flow on the arterial system shall be limited to off-peak hours, as permitted.

- Truck deliveries occurring during construction shall be consolidated to the extent feasible.
- Idling trucks or heavy equipment shall turn off their engines if the expected duration of idling exceeds five (5) minutes as required by law.
- On-site heavy equipment used during grading and construction shall be equipped with diesel particulate filters unless it is demonstrated that such equipment is not available or its use is not cost-competitive.
- All building construction shall comply with energy use guidelines in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations.
- To the extent that such measures are economically feasible/cost competitive, the applicant shall incorporate the following practices:
  - Utilizing electricity from power poles in place of temporary diesel or gasoline-powered generators;
  - Utilizing methanol or natural gas-powered mobile equipment and pile drivers in place of diesel; and
  - Utilizing propane or butane-powered on-site mobile equipment in place of gasoline.
- Construction equipment operations shall be suspended during any second stage smog alert.

### ***Parcel 21 Project***

#### ***Potential Effect***

Temporary construction activity emissions associated with development on Parcel 21 would include the generation of dust and equipment exhaust from demolition, grading and construction activities, and off-site emissions from construction employee commuting and/or

trucks delivering building materials. During construction, could exceed Local Significance Thresholds for PM-10 and PM-2.5 emissions.

***Finding***

With implementation of the measure identified in this section, conditions of approval and the incorporation of design features, the potential impacts on air quality will be reduced to a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

***Facts***

Air quality impacts are discussed in Section IV.D of the DEIR. As with PM-10 emissions, the non-attainment status of the air basin and the cumulative impact of all regional construction suggest that all reasonably available control measures for diesel exhaust should be implemented even if individual thresholds are not exceeded. The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts:

**AQ-1** The applicant shall prepare a Construction Management Plan to control fugitive dust. At a minimum, the Plan shall include the following dust control measures:

- The simultaneous disturbance site should be minimized as much as possible.
- The proposed project shall comply with SCAQMD established minimum requirements for construction activities to reduce fugitive dust and PM-10 emissions. A plan to control fugitive dust through the implementation of best available control measures shall be prepared and submitted to the County for approval prior to the issuance of grading permits. The plan shall specify the dust control measures to be implemented. Such measures may include but are not limited to:
  - i) Application of soil stabilizers to inactive areas;

- j) Preparation of a high wind dust control plan and implement plan elements and terminate soil disturbance when winds exceed 25 mph;
  - k) Stabilization of previously disturbed areas if subsequent construction is delayed; and
  - l) Covering all stockpiles with tarps.
- The project proponent shall comply with all applicable SCAQMD Rules and Regulations including Rule 403 insuring the clean up of construction-related dirt on approach routes to the site. Rule 403 prohibits the release of fugitive dust emissions from any active operation, open storage pile or disturbed surface area visible beyond the property line of the emission source. Particulate matter on public roadways is also prohibited.
  - Adequate watering techniques shall be employed to mitigate the impact of construction-related dust particulates. Portions of the site that are undergoing surface earth moving operations shall be watered such that a crust will be formed on the ground surface, and then watered again at the end of each day. Watering of exposed surfaces and haul roads three times/day is recommended.
  - Any vegetative cover to be utilized onsite shall be planted as soon as possible to reduce the disturbed area subject to wind erosion. Irrigation systems required for these plants shall be installed as soon as possible to maintain good ground cover and to minimize wind erosion of the soil.
  - Any construction access roads (other than temporary access roads) shall be paved as soon as possible and cleaned after each workday. The maximum vehicle speed on unpaved roads shall be 15 mph.
  - Grading operations shall be suspended during any first stage ozone episodes.

**AQ-2** The applicant shall prepare a Construction Management Plan to control vehicle and equipment emissions during construction. At a minimum, the Plan shall incorporate the following mitigation measures:

- Construction parking shall be configured to minimize the potential for traffic



interference and vehicle idling.

- Any construction equipment using direct internal combustion engines shall use a diesel fuel with a maximum of 0.05 percent sulfur and a four-degree retard.
- Equipment and vehicle engines shall be maintained in good condition and in proper tune, according to manufacturer's specifications and per SCAQMD rules, to minimize exhaust emissions. 90 day Low Nox tune-ups shall be required for off-road equipment.
- Tier 3 rated engines shall be used for all equipment during site grading, if available.
- Equipment whose engines are equipped with diesel oxidation catalysts shall be utilized, if available.
- Construction operations affecting off-site roadways shall be scheduled by implementing traffic hours and shall minimize obstruction of through-traffic lanes. Construction operations that may affect traffic flow on the arterial system shall be limited to off-peak hours, as permitted.
- Truck deliveries occurring during construction shall be consolidated to the extent feasible.
- Idling trucks or heavy equipment shall turn off their engines if the expected duration of idling exceeds five (5) minutes as required by law.
- On-site heavy equipment used during grading and construction shall be equipped with diesel particulate filters unless it is demonstrated that such equipment is not available or its use is not cost-competitive.
- All building construction shall comply with energy use guidelines in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations.
- To the extent that such measures are economically feasible/cost competitive, the applicant shall incorporate the following practices:
  - Utilizing electricity from power poles in place of temporary diesel or gasoline-powered generators;

- Utilizing methanol or natural gas-powered mobile equipment and pile drivers in place of diesel; and
- Utilizing propane or butane-powered on-site mobile equipment in place of gasoline.
- Construction equipment operations shall be suspended during any second stage smog alert.

## **(5) Biota**

### ***Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts Project***

#### ***Potential Effect***

Surveys have shown no evidence of active bird nesting within on-site trees. However, there remains the potential for nesting to occur prior to construction and the removal of trees. Per the Migratory Bird Treaty, it is illegal to destroy any active nests. Removal of trees for construction of the proposed project and/or construction of the County's 24-inch water main along the northern portion of the Parcel OT would result in a potentially significant impact to nesting birds, if active nests are present and harmed. Additionally, project construction noise has the potential to have a temporary effect on herons nesting on or off-site adjacent to the proposed project.

#### ***Finding***

Implementation of the measures identified in this section, conditions of approval and the incorporation of design features will reduce the project's potential impacts with respect to biota a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

#### ***Facts***

Biota impacts are discussed in Section IV.E of the DEIR. The Cooper's hawk and the sharp-shinned hawk can be expected to occur on both Parcels OT and 21. Specifically, Cooper's hawk is a year round resident that nests in the region and may forage on Parcels OT and 21, but

the presence of sharp-shinned hawk would be limited to the winter. Due to the low density of tree canopy on Parcels OT and 21, nesting by the Cooper's hawk is likely precluded. Although no nests have been observed on-site, nesting could occur prior to initiation of construction activity. If nesting were to occur, impacts to nesting birds would result in a violation of both the CDFG Code Section 3500 et seq. and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Therefore, impacts to nesting birds resulting from tree removal would be considered a significant impact prior to mitigation.

Based upon focused heron surveys conducted by Dr. Jeffrey Froke on July 21, 2009 and August 1, 2009, herons do not occupy and are not expected to nest or forage within the project. Nesting of herons is expected to occur within the aquatic habitat and heavier cover that exists in the central portions of the Oxford Basin, which is in excess of 300 feet north east of the Parcel OT project. Based on Dr. Froke's experience, construction of the proposed project would not result in a significant disturbance to present or future heron resources within the Marina del Rey heronry, and specifically the Oxford Basin. Additionally, the Department of Beaches and Harbors has been monitoring effects on nesting birds from construction noise in connection with the concrete demolition at Burton Chace Park. Sound levels in excess of the County Code were recorded, with no noticeable effect on birds. Therefore, it is presumed that implementation of the County Code alone will avoid significant effects. Also, in connection with the approval of a Coastal Development Permit for the Oxford Basin (5-07-417), the California Coastal Commission found that no significant impact from these noise levels would occur if a buffer of 300 feet could be maintained.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the identified potential impacts:

- BIO-1** Tree removal shall be performed between the dates of August 1 through January 31 to avoid the nesting bird season. Should this not be feasible, a qualified biologist shall conduct a thorough examination of the tree to determine whether nesting birds are present, and if found, the status of the nest shall be noted. The nest survey shall take

place not more than three days (72 hours) prior to the planned removal. If nesting birds are present, the biologist shall prepare a recommendation, which may include a delay of the removal until such time that nesting has been completed. The recommendation of the biologist shall be communicated to the local CDFG Agent for approval and consent prior to removal of the tree(s).

### ***Parcel OT Project***

#### ***Potential Effect***

Removal of trees for construction of the proposed project and/or construction of the County's 24-inch water main along the northern portion of the Parcel OT could result in a potentially significant impact to nesting birds, if active nests are present and harmed. Additionally, project construction noise has the potential to have a temporary effect on wildlife including herons nesting in the Oxford Basin.

#### ***Finding***

Implementation of the measures identified in this section, conditions of approval and the incorporation of design features will reduce the project's potential impacts with respect to biota a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

#### ***Facts***

Biota impacts are discussed in Section IV.E of the DEIR. The Cooper's hawk and the sharp-shinned hawk can be expected to occur on Parcel OT. Specifically, Cooper's hawk is a year round resident that nests in the region and may forage on Parcel OT, but the presence of sharp-shinned hawk would be limited to the winter. Due to the low density of tree canopy on Parcels OT, nesting by the Cooper's hawk is likely precluded. Although no nests have been observed on-site, nesting could occur prior to initiation of construction activity. If nesting were to occur, impacts to nesting birds would result in a violation of both the CDFG Code Section 3500 et seq. and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Therefore, impacts to nesting birds resulting

from tree removal would be considered a significant impact prior to mitigation.

Based upon focused heron surveys conducted by Dr. Jeffrey Froke on July 21, 2009 and August 1, 2009, herons do not occupy and are not expected to nest or forage within the project. Nesting of herons is expected to occur within the aquatic habitat and heavier cover that exists in the central portions of the Oxford Basin, which is in excess of 300 feet north east of the Parcel OT project. Based on experience, construction of the proposed project would not result in a significant disturbance to present or future heron resources within the Marina del Rey heronry, and specifically the Oxford Basin. Additionally, the Department of Beaches and Harbors has been monitoring effects on nesting birds from construction noise in connection with the concrete demolition at Burton Chace Park. Sound levels in excess of the County Code were recorded, with no noticeable effect on birds. Therefore, it is presumed that implementation of the County Code alone will avoid significant effects. Also, in connection with the approval of a Coastal Development Permit for the Oxford Basin (5-07-417), the California Coastal Commission found that no significant impact from these noise levels would occur if a buffer of 300 feet could be maintained. This information is incorporated herein by reference. The Department of Beaches and Harbors and the Department of Public Works maintain the files for public inspection regarding the above information.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the identified potential impacts for the Parcel OT:

**BIO-1** Tree removal shall be performed between the dates of August 1 through January 31 to avoid the nesting bird season. Should this not be feasible, a qualified biologist shall conduct a thorough examination of the tree to determine whether nesting birds are present, and if found, the status of the nest shall be noted. The nest survey shall take place not more than three days (72 hours) prior to the planned removal. If nesting birds are present, the biologist shall prepare a recommendation, which may include a delay of the removal until such time that nesting has been completed. The recommendation of the biologist shall be communicated to the local CDFG Agent for approval and consent prior to removal of the tree(s).

### ***Parcel 21 Project***

#### ***Potential Effect***

Potential impacts to nesting birds on Parcel 21 may occur due to construction of the project on-site and/or construction of improvements to the Panay Way water main infrastructure.

#### ***Finding***

Implementation of the measures identified in this section, conditions of approval and the incorporation of design features will reduce the project's potential impacts with respect to biota a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

#### ***Facts***

Biota impacts are discussed in Section IV.E of the DEIR. The Cooper's hawk and the sharp-shinned hawk can be expected to occur. Specifically, Cooper's hawk is a year round resident that nests in the region and may forage on Parcel 21, but the presence of sharp-shinned hawk would be limited to the winter. Due to the low density of tree canopy on Parcel 21, nesting by the Cooper's hawk is likely precluded. Although no nests have been observed on-site, nesting could occur prior to initiation of construction activity. If nesting were to occur, impacts to nesting birds would result in a violation of both the CDFG Code Section 3500 et seq. and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, if any active nests were to be removed. Therefore, impacts to any nesting raptor resulting from tree removal would be considered a significant impact prior to mitigation.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the identified potential impacts for Parcel 21:

- BIO-1** Tree removal shall be performed between the dates of August 1 through January 31 to avoid the nesting bird season. Should this not be feasible, a qualified biologist shall

conduct a thorough examination of the tree to determine whether nesting birds are present, and if found, the status of the nest shall be noted. The nest survey shall take place not more than three days (72 hours) prior to the planned removal. If nesting birds are present, the biologist shall prepare a recommendation, which may include a delay of the removal until such time that nesting has been completed. The recommendation of the biologist shall be communicated to the local CDFG Agent for approval and consent prior to removal of the tree(s).

#### **(6) Cultural Resources**

##### ***Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts Project***

##### ***Potential Effect***

The potential exists for prehistoric or historic resources to be uncovered during grading and excavation activities for the proposed development and may result in a significant impact.

##### ***Finding***

Implementation of the measures identified in this section, conditions of approval and the incorporation of design features for the respective project sites will reduce the project's potential impacts with respect to cultural resources a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

##### ***Facts***

Cultural resources impacts are discussed in Section IV.F of the DEIR. While no prehistoric or historic resources have been recorded within one-half mile of the respective project sites, the identification of the historic Venice Landfill as being located near both Parcel OT and Parcel 21 and recent investigations in nearby Ballona Creek resulting in the discovery of hundreds of

native American burials and numerous prehistoric features indicates a sensitivity of the project area for prehistoric and historic archaeological resources.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the identified potential impacts:

- CUL-1** During the removal of asphalt paving and subsequent grading of the sites, the sites shall be monitored by a qualified archaeological monitor. The archaeological monitor shall also be accompanied by a Native American Monitor to be selected from the Native American Heritage Commission approved list for this area. Should evidence of any prehistoric or historic resources be uncovered, including Native American resources, the archeologist must be notified and work in the find area shall cease until the monitor arrives. The State Historic Preservation Office and Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning shall also be notified if such resources are uncovered. The archeological monitor shall have the authority to halt any activities adversely impacting potentially significant archeological resources, while the find is evaluated in accordance with CEQA criteria for significance.
- CUL-2** Should evidence of any prehistoric or historic archaeological resources be uncovered, a Phase II evaluation must be conducted in accordance with Section 15064.5(f) of the CEQA Guidelines.
- CUL-3** Following §30116(d) of the Coastal Act, any cultural resource found in the portion of the LCP study area planned for development shall be collected and maintained at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History or other appropriate location as otherwise provided by State law.
- CUL-4** Should human remains be discovered during the removal of asphalt paving and subsequent grading of the sites, the County Coroner shall be contacted and permitted access to the site for preliminary identification of the remains. Preservation and disposition of the remains shall be conducted in accordance with Public Resources



Code Section 5097.98 and Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5. If the remains are found to be of Native American origin, the Native American Heritage Commission must be notified and permitted to identify the Most Likely Descendant (MLD), and, in consultation with the proponent and archaeological monitor, determine the appropriate disposition of the remains, as stated in Section 15064.5(d) of the CEQA Guidelines.

- CUL-5** As part of the Coastal Development Permit application involving disturbance of native soils or vegetation, including but not limited to excavation, pile driving or grading, the applicant shall provide evidence that they have notified the Office of State Historic Preservation and the Native American Heritage Commission of the location of the proposed grading, the proposed extent of the grading, and the dates on which the work is expected to occur.
- CUL-6** Should an Archaeological Recovery Program be warranted, it shall require a Coastal Development Permit consistent with the provisions of the certified Marina del Rey LCP.

### ***Parcel OT Project***

#### ***Potential Effect***

The potential exists for prehistoric or historic resources to be uncovered during grading and excavation activities for the proposed development on Parcel OT and may result in a significant impact.

#### ***Finding***

Implementation of the measures identified in this section, conditions of approval and the incorporation of design features for the respective project sites will reduce the project's potential impacts on Parcel OT with respect to cultural resources a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

***Facts***

Cultural resources impacts are discussed in Section IV.F of the DEIR. While no prehistoric or historic resources have been recorded within one-half mile of Parcel OT, the identification of the historic Venice Landfill as being located near Parcel OT and recent investigations in nearby Ballona Creek resulting in the discovery of hundreds of native American burials and numerous prehistoric features indicates a sensitivity of the project area for prehistoric and historic archaeological resources.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the identified potential impacts:

- CUL-1** During the removal of asphalt paving and subsequent grading of the sites, the sites shall be monitored by a qualified archaeological monitor. The archaeological monitor shall also be accompanied by a Native American Monitor to be selected from the Native American Heritage Commission approved list for this area. Should evidence of any prehistoric or historic resources be uncovered, including Native American resources, the archeologist must be notified and work in the find area shall cease until the monitor arrives. The State Historic Preservation Office and Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning shall also be notified if such resources are uncovered. The archeological monitor shall have the authority to halt any activities adversely impacting potentially significant archeological resources, while the find is evaluated in accordance with CEQA criteria for significance.
- CUL-2** Should evidence of any prehistoric or historic archaeological resources be uncovered, a Phase II evaluation must be conducted in accordance with Section 15064.5(f) of the CEQA Guidelines.
- CUL-3** Following §30116(d) of the Coastal Act, any cultural resource found in the portion of

the LCP study area planned for development shall be collected and maintained at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History or other appropriate location as otherwise provided by State law.

**CUL-4** Should human remains be discovered during the removal of asphalt paving and subsequent grading of the sites, the County Coroner shall be contacted and permitted access to the site for preliminary identification of the remains. Preservation and disposition of the remains shall be conducted in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 and Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5. If the remains are found to be of Native American origin, the Native American Heritage Commission must be notified and permitted to identify the Most Likely Descendant (MLD), and, in consultation with the proponent and archaeological monitor, determine the appropriate disposition of the remains, as stated in Section 15064.5(d) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**CUL-5** As part of the Coastal Development Permit application involving disturbance of native soils or vegetation, including but not limited to excavation, pile driving or grading, the applicant shall provide evidence that they have notified the Office of State Historic Preservation and the Native American Heritage Commission of the location of the proposed grading, the proposed extent of the grading, and the dates on which the work is expected to occur.

**CUL-6** Should an Archaeological Recovery Program be warranted, it shall require a Coastal Development Permit consistent with the provisions of the certified Marina del Rey LCP.

***Parcel 21 Project******Potential Effect***

The potential exists for prehistoric or historic resources to be uncovered during grading and excavation activities for the proposed development on Parcel 21 and may result in a significant impact.

***Finding***

Implementation of the measures identified in this section, conditions of approval and the incorporation of design features for Parcel 21 will reduce the project's potential impacts with respect to cultural resources a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

***Facts***

Cultural resources impacts are discussed in Section IV.F of the DEIR. While no prehistoric or historic resources have been recorded within one-half mile of the respective project sites, the identification of the historic Venice Landfill as being located near Parcel 21 and recent investigations in nearby Ballona Creek resulting in the discovery of hundreds of native American burials and numerous prehistoric features indicates a sensitivity of the project area for prehistoric and historic archaeological resources.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the identified potential impacts:

- CUL-1** During the removal of asphalt paving and subsequent grading of the sites, the sites shall be monitored by a qualified archaeological monitor. The archaeological monitor shall also be accompanied by a Native American Monitor to be selected from the Native American Heritage Commission approved list for this area. Should evidence of any prehistoric or historic resources be uncovered, including Native American

resources, the archeologist must be notified and work in the find area shall cease until the monitor arrives. The State Historic Preservation Office and Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning shall also be notified if such resources are uncovered. The archeological monitor shall have the authority to halt any activities adversely impacting potentially significant archeological resources, while the find is evaluated in accordance with CEQA criteria for significance.

**CUL-2** Should evidence of any prehistoric or historic archaeological resources be uncovered, a Phase II evaluation must be conducted in accordance with Section 15064.5(f) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**CUL-3** Following §30116(d) of the Coastal Act, any cultural resource found in the portion of the LCP study area planned for development shall be collected and maintained at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History or other appropriate location as otherwise provided by State law.

**CUL-4** Should human remains be discovered during the removal of asphalt paving and subsequent grading of the sites, the County Coroner shall be contacted and permitted access to the site for preliminary identification of the remains. Preservation and disposition of the remains shall be conducted in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 and Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5. If the remains are found to be of Native American origin, the Native American Heritage Commission must be notified and permitted to identify the Most Likely Descendant (MLD), and, in consultation with the proponent and archaeological monitor, determine the appropriate disposition of the remains, as stated in Section 15064.5(d) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**CUL-5** As part of the Coastal Development Permit application involving disturbance of native soils or vegetation, including but not limited to excavation, pile driving or grading, the

applicant shall provide evidence that they have notified the Office of State Historic Preservation and the Native American Heritage Commission of the location of the proposed grading, the proposed extent of the grading, and the dates on which the work is expected to occur.

- CUL-6** Should an Archaeological Recovery Program be warranted, it shall require a Coastal Development Permit consistent with the provisions of the certified Marina del Rey LCP.

**(7) Visual Qualities (Lighting and Glare)**

***Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts Project***

***Potential Effect***

The project could result in nighttime glare and lighting impacts, as new light sources would be introduced into the project area. The proposed project would introduce light sources as well, such as from windows at heights above the ground where none now exist, from exterior landscape and walkway accent lighting placed to enhance pedestrian safety, and from inadvertent ambient light introduced by indirect, hooded and directed pedestrian lighting.

***Findings***

Implementation of the measures identified in this section, conditions of approval, and the incorporation of design features will reduce the potential nighttime lighting and glare impacts to a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

***Facts***

Visual Qualities impacts are discussed in Section IV.G of the DEIR. The proposed parking facilities would be subterranean, eliminating views of headlights and taillights of moving vehicles onsite as a potentially significant source of glare and spill over light. Exterior building

lighting marking building entry/exit doorways would be hooded to prevent lighting of the nighttime sky. All exterior lighting used for such purposes would be carefully directed to prevent spillover lighting into neighboring properties. Lighting on the project would be used to provide for public safety along exterior pedestrian walkways along the waterfront, as required by the County to provide for public safety and Marina security. This lighting would consist of low level positioned lights that are specifically aimed at key walkway points and screened by lens-covering light grills to eliminate potential glare effects. The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of project approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts:

**VIS-1** The applicant shall develop and submit a Lighting Plan for the proposed project for County of Los Angeles review and approval. The Lighting Plan shall include the following features, at a minimum:

- Exterior lighting shall consist of low intensity, shielded, hooded fixtures and shall be directed downward or toward the area to be illuminated, so that backscatter to the nighttime sky is minimized and light trespass outside the project boundary is prevented.
- Outdoor flood lamps shall not be used to provide architectural highlight or accent lighting.
- Lighting used to provide for public safety along exterior pedestrian walkways shall consist of low level positioned lights that are specifically aimed at key walkway points and screened by lens-covering light grills to eliminate potential glare effects.

#### ***Parcel OT Project***

#### ***Potential Effect***

The project on Parcel OT could result in nighttime glare and lighting impacts, as new light sources would be introduced into the project area. The completion of the Oceana Retirement Facility on Parcel OT would transform the night lighting of this site from that of a

parking lot to that introduced by an occupied retirement structure and subterranean parking. Glare associated with the use of the Parcel OT site as an open surface parking lot with minimal perimeter shielding of vehicle lights would come to an end, as would any incidental glare effects of spillover lighting that may cross the site from off-site sources. The proposed project on Parcel OT would introduce light sources as well, such as from windows at heights above the ground where none now exist, from exterior landscape and walkway accent lighting placed to enhance pedestrian safety, and from inadvertent ambient light introduced by indirect, hooded and directed pedestrian lighting.

### ***Findings***

Implementation of the measures identified in this section, conditions of approval, and the incorporation of design features will reduce the potential nighttime lighting and glare impacts to a less than significant level on Parcel OT. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

### ***Facts***

Visual Qualities impacts are discussed in Section IV.G of the DEIR. The proposed parking facilities on Parcel OT would be subterranean, eliminating views of headlights and taillights of moving vehicles onsite as a potentially significant source of glare and spill over light. Exterior building lighting marking building entry/exit doorways would be hooded to prevent lighting of the nighttime sky on Parcel OT.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of project approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts on Parcel OT:



**VIS-1** The applicant shall develop and submit a Lighting Plan for the proposed project for County of Los Angeles review and approval. The Lighting Plan shall include the following features, at a minimum:

- Exterior lighting shall consist of low intensity, shielded, hooded fixtures and shall be directed downward or toward the area to be illuminated, so that backscatter to the nighttime sky is minimized and light trespass outside the project boundary is prevented.
- Outdoor flood lamps shall not be used to provide architectural highlight or accent lighting.
- Lighting used to provide for public safety along exterior pedestrian walkways shall consist of low level positioned lights that are specifically aimed at key walkway points and screened by lens-covering light grills to eliminate potential glare effects.

### ***Parcel 21 Project***

#### ***Potential Effect***

The project on Parcel 21 could result in nighttime glare and lighting impacts, as new light sources would be introduced into the project area. The proposed waterfront structures on Parcel 21 would introduce additional light sources (from windows at heights above the ground where none now exist, from exterior landscape and walkway accent lighting placed to enhance pedestrian safety, and from inadvertent ambient light introduced by indirect, hooded and directed pedestrian lighting used along the southern side of Basin D at night).

#### ***Findings***

Implementation of the measures identified in this section, conditions of approval, and the incorporation of design features will reduce the potential nighttime lighting and glare impacts to a less than significant level on Parcel 21. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

### ***Facts***

Visual Qualities impacts are discussed in Section IV.G of the DEIR. The proposed parking facilities on Parcel 21 would be subterranean, eliminating views of headlights and taillights of moving vehicles onsite as a potentially significant source of glare and spill over light. Exterior building lighting marking building entry/exit doorways would be hooded to prevent lighting of the nighttime sky on Parcel 21. All exterior lighting on Parcel 21 used for such purposes would be carefully directed to prevent spillover lighting into neighboring properties

The parking facility on Parcel 21 would be enclosed within a parking structure whose exterior wall panels would consist of pre-stressed concrete panels that would not allow for the passage of vehicle lights. Where ventilation gaps exist in the exterior shell of the parking structure, they would be covered by grills that are configured to contain interior light. The proposed waterfront structures on Parcel 21 would introduce additional light sources (from windows at heights above the ground where none now exist, from exterior landscape and walkway accent lighting placed to enhance pedestrian safety, and from inadvertent ambient light introduced by indirect, hooded and directed pedestrian lighting used along the southern side of Basin D at night). Exterior building lighting marking entry/exit doorways would be located and hooded to prevent upward lighting of the nighttime sky. All exterior lighting used for such purposes would be carefully directed to prevent spillover lighting into neighboring properties.

Lighting on Parcel 21 would be used to provide for public safety along exterior pedestrian walkways along the waterfront, as required by the County to provide for public safety and Marina security. This lighting on Parcel 21 would consist of low level positioned lights that are specifically aimed at key walkway points and screened by lens-covering light grills to eliminate potential glare effects.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of project approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts on Parcel 21:

**VIS-1** The applicant shall develop and submit a Lighting Plan for the proposed project for

County of Los Angeles review and approval. The Lighting Plan shall include the following features, at a minimum:

- Exterior lighting shall consist of low intensity, shielded, hooded fixtures and shall be directed downward or toward the area to be illuminated, so that backscatter to the nighttime sky is minimized and light trespass outside the project boundary is prevented.
- Outdoor flood lamps shall not be used to provide architectural highlight or accent lighting.
- Lighting used to provide for public safety along exterior pedestrian walkways shall consist of low level positioned lights that are specifically aimed at key walkway points and screened by lens-covering light grills to eliminate potential glare effects.

#### **(8) Traffic/Access**

##### ***Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts Project***

##### ***Potential Effect (Construction)***

Construction of the proposed project, as well as the upsized sewer and water main projects, would require the designation of construction vehicle and haul routes and construction period management of roadways, sidewalks, and public transportation routes. During the construction period, parking on Parcel OT and Parcel 21 would become temporarily unavailable.

##### ***Potential Effect (Operation)***

Potential impacts could occur with respect to access due to new access points along Washington Boulevard and Admiralty Way to Parcel OT and on Panay Way to Parcel 21. Potential impacts could occur with respect to parking on Parcel OT as the project would increase parking demand and replace an existing parking lot. Potential impacts could occur to traffic congestion that would result from the development proposed on Parcel OT and Parcel 21 would add vehicle trips to the project area.

### ***Findings***

Implementation of the measure identified in this section, conditions of approval, and the incorporation of design features will reduce the potential construction traffic impacts identified in the FEIR to a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

### ***Facts***

Traffic/Access impacts are discussed in Section IV.H of the DEIR. Construction and tenant parking during construction would be provided by the Applicant via a valet system, with the spaces being provided on Parcel 76 for the Parcel OT project and Parcel 18 for the Parcel 21 project, which are both under lease to the Applicant. Although the proposed project would result in the temporary loss of both public and private parking on the sites during the construction period, the proposed provision for private parking and the availability of underutilized public parking throughout the Marina is anticipated to accommodate the parking demand.

During the operational phase, the proposed projects would provide adequate vehicular access according to existing regulations and a less than significant impact related to site access would occur. Further, adequate access during an emergency is provided and the proposed project is not expected to result in problems for emergency vehicles or residents/employees, as access would be designed to satisfy Los Angeles County Fire Department requirements. Thus, adequate access during an emergency is provided and the proposed project is not expected to result in problems for emergency vehicles or residents/employees in the area.

For all proposed land uses, the required amount of parking spaces is met by the project site plans and the proposed project would result in a less than significant impact related to site parking.

The proposed project site was initially estimated to generate a total of approximately 278 net new daily trips, including 12 trips occurring during the morning peak hour and 30 trips

occurring during the evening peak hour. However, the 1,500 square foot reduction in retail space would result in 67 fewer daily trips. This net project trip generation will be added to the project area roadway network once the proposed project is completed and fully occupied. The incremental project traffic would result in a less than significant impact on the level of service (LOS) forecasts at the study intersections. The proposed project would also result in a less than significant traffic impact at any of the study intersections.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measure will be made conditions of approval so as to further reduce the identified impact:

- TA-1** Traffic Control Plans for both Parcel OT and Parcel 21 shall be submitted to the County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Traffic and Lighting Division for review and approval. The Traffic Control Plans shall designate haul routes for construction-related vehicles, the location of access to the construction site, and staging and parking areas for workers and equipment. The Plans shall also specify the permitted hours of construction, methods of safeguarding traffic flow, methods of re-routing or detouring traffic if necessary, and the placement/utilization of traffic control devices (including signs, flashing arrows, traffic cones and delineators, barricades, flaggers, temporary modifications to existing signals and signal timing, etc.), as necessary. Further, the Plans shall address the provision of signage for alternative pedestrian and bicycle access routes where affected, coordination with emergency service providers, and coordination with public transit providers (such as the MTA, LADOT Commuter Express, and Culver City Bus). The Plans shall include the MTA telephone number (213-922-4632) of the Metro Bus Operations Control Special Events Coordinator that the contractor shall contact for construction coordination outreach efforts.

***Parcel OT Project***

***Potential Effect (Construction)***

Construction of the proposed project on Parcel OT would require the designation of

construction vehicle and haul routes and construction period management of roadways, sidewalks, and public transportation routes. During the construction period, parking on Parcel OT would become temporarily unavailable.

### ***Potential Effect (Operation)***

Potential impacts could occur with respect to access due to new access points along Washington Boulevard and Admiralty Way to Parcel OT. Potential impacts could occur with respect to parking on Parcel OT as the project would increase parking demand and replace an existing parking lot. Potential impacts could occur to traffic congestion, as the increase in development that would result from the development proposed on Parcel OT would add vehicle trips to the project area.

### ***Findings***

Implementation of the measure identified in this section, conditions of approval, and the incorporation of design features will reduce the potential construction traffic impacts identified in the FEIR to a less than significant level for Parcel 21. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

### ***Facts***

Traffic/Access impacts are discussed in Section IV.H of the DEIR. Construction and tenant parking during construction on Parcel OT would be provided by the Applicant via a valet system, with the spaces being provided on Parcel 76 for the Parcel OT project, which is under lease to the Applicant. Although the proposed project on Parcel OT would result in the temporary loss of both public and private parking during the construction period, the proposed provision for private parking and the availability of underutilized public parking throughout the Marina is anticipated to accommodate the parking demand.

The proposed project would provide adequate vehicular access according to existing regulations and a less than significant impact related to site access for Parcel OT would occur. Further, adequate access during an emergency is provided and the proposed project are not expected to result in problems for emergency vehicles or residents/employees as access would be designed to satisfy Los Angeles County Fire Department requirements on Parcel OT. Thus, adequate access during an emergency is provided for Parcel OT and is not expected to result in problems for emergency vehicles or residents/employees in the area.

Based on the results of a parking study of the Palm Court facility in Culver City, a conservative worst-case estimate of 0.484 parking spaces per unit was derived for the project. The ratio results in a need for 55 spaces for the 114 unit active senior living accommodations on Parcel OT. A detailed discussion of the parking analysis is provided in Section IV.H of the FEIR. For all proposed land uses, the required amount of parking spaces is met by the project site plans on Parcel OT and a less than significant impact would occur. The Parcel OT component of the proposed project was initially expected to generate approximately 387 net new trips per day, including about ten trips occurring during the morning peak hour and 41 trips occurring during the evening peak hour. However, the 1,500 square foot reduction in retail space would result in 67 fewer daily trips. This net project trip generation will be added to the project area roadway network once the proposed facility is completed and fully occupied. The incremental project traffic would result in a less than significant impact on the level of service (LOS) forecasts at the study intersections. The proposed project would also result in a less than significant traffic impact at any of the study intersections.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measure will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the identified impact:

- TA-1** Traffic Control Plans for both Parcel OT and Parcel 21 shall be submitted to the County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Traffic and Lighting Division for review and approval. The Traffic Control Plans shall designate haul routes for construction-related vehicles, the location of access to the construction site, and staging and parking areas for workers

and equipment. The Plans shall also specify the permitted hours of construction, methods of safeguarding traffic flow, methods of re-routing or detouring traffic if necessary, and the placement/utilization of traffic control devices (including signs, flashing arrows, traffic cones and delineators, barricades, flaggers, temporary modifications to existing signals and signal timing, etc.), as necessary. Further, the Plans shall address the provision of signage for alternative pedestrian and bicycle access routes where affected, coordination with emergency service providers, and coordination with public transit providers (such as the MTA, LADOT Commuter Express, and Culver City Bus). The Plans shall include the MTA telephone number (213-922-4632) of the Metro Bus Operations Control Special Events Coordinator that the contractor shall contact for construction coordination outreach efforts.

#### ***Parcel 21 Project***

##### ***Potential Effect (Construction)***

Construction of the proposed project on Parcel 21, including the upsized sewer and water main, would require the designation of construction vehicle and haul routes and construction period management of roadways, sidewalks, and public transportation routes. During the construction period, parking on Parcel 21 would become temporarily unavailable.

##### ***Potential Effect (Operation)***

Potential impacts could occur with respect to access due to new access points on Panay Way to Parcel 21. Potential impacts could occur to traffic congestion as a result of redevelopment proposed on Parcel 21 if it would add vehicle trips to the project area.

#### ***Findings***

Implementation of the measure identified in this section, conditions of approval, and the incorporation of design features for the respective project sites will reduce the potential construction traffic impacts identified in the FEIR to a less than significant level for Parcel OT and Parcel 21. Therefore, the following finding is made:



- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

***Facts***

Traffic/Access impacts are discussed in Section IV.H of the DEIR. Construction and tenant parking during construction would be provided by the Applicant via a valet system, with the spaces being provided on Parcel 18 for the Parcel 21 project, which is under lease to the Applicant. Although the proposed project on Parcel 21 would result in the temporary loss of both public and private parking on the sites during the construction period, the proposed provision for private parking and the availability of underutilized public parking throughout the Marina is anticipated to accommodate the parking demand and result in a less than significant impact.

The proposed projects would provide adequate vehicular access according to existing regulations and a less than significant impact related to site access for Parcel 21 would occur. Further, adequate access during an emergency is provided and the proposed project is not expected to result in problems for emergency vehicles or residents/employees, as access would be designed to satisfy Los Angeles County Fire Department requirements on Parcel 21. Thus, adequate access during an emergency is provided for Parcel 21 and is not expected to result in problems for emergency vehicles or residents/employees in the area.

The proposed redevelopment on Parcel 21 would result in a net decrease of approximately 109 trips per day, including a net increase of about two trips occurring during the morning peak hour and a net decrease of about 11 trips occurring during the evening peak hour. The proposed Parcel 21 project would result in a less than significant traffic impact at the study intersections.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts:

**TA-1** Traffic Control Plans for both Parcel OT and Parcel 21 shall be submitted to the County

of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Traffic and Lighting Division for review and approval. The Traffic Control Plans shall designate haul routes for construction-related vehicles, the location of access to the construction site, and staging and parking areas for workers and equipment. The Plans shall also specify the permitted hours of construction, methods of safeguarding traffic flow, methods of re-routing or detouring traffic if necessary, and the placement/utilization of traffic control devices (including signs, flashing arrows, traffic cones and delineators, barricades, flaggers, temporary modifications to existing signals and signal timing, etc.), as necessary. Further, the Plans shall address the provision of signage for alternative pedestrian and bicycle access routes where affected, coordination with emergency service providers, and coordination with public transit providers (such as the MTA, LADOT Commuter Express, and Culver City Bus). The Plans shall include the MTA telephone number (213-922-4632) of the Metro Bus Operations Control Special Events Coordinator that the contractor shall contact for construction coordination outreach efforts.

**(9) Utilities (Water Supply)**

***Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts Project***

***Potential Effect***

The proposed project would result in an increase of water usage over existing uses. Construction of the proposed project would require relocation of an existing water main. The conflict between the location of the proposed building and the water main on Parcel OT could result in a potentially significant impact to local water infrastructure. Based on available fire flow data, inadequate water infrastructure for firefighting demand at Parcel 21 could result in a potentially significant impact.

### ***Findings***

Implementation of the measures identified in this section, conditions of approval, and the incorporation of design features will reduce the potential water supply impacts to a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

### ***Facts***

Water Supply impacts are discussed in Section IV.I of the DEIR. The proposed project would result in an increase of approximately 22,253 gallons per day (gpd) over the existing uses. As the proposed project represents implementation of development potential included within the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan, the proposed project is considered to be included within countywide growth projections and accounted for in the 2005 Urban Water Management Plan. Therefore, the proposed project would result in a less than significant impact on water supply.

The water district currently has plans to upsize the 14-inch water main that currently traverses Parcel OT to a 24-inch water main within the same alignment. The existing and approved water mains are located within the footprint of the proposed Parcel OT building, and thus construction of the proposed building would require relocation of the water main. The conflict between the location of the proposed building and the water main would result in a potentially significant impact prior to mitigation. The applicant has identified a proposed alignment approximately 36 feet to the northeast of the existing alignment that would accommodate both the upsized water main and the proposed Parcel OT project. The project includes replacing the existing 10-inch water main along Panay Way water main infrastructure with a water line that is up to 18 inches in diameter to provide the required fire flow accommodate the proposed project on Parcel 21. The conflicts between the location of the proposed building on Parcel OT and the on-site water main and upgrading the inadequate off-site water main in Panay Way associated with Parcel 21 would result in potentially significant impacts to local water infrastructure prior to mitigation.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of project approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts:

- WS-1** The applicant shall prepare a landscape plan that meets all provisions of Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 71, Water Efficient Landscaping.
- WS-2** The applicant shall incorporate into the building plans water conservation measures as outlined in the following:
- State of California Health and Safety Code Section 17921.3, requiring low-flow toilets and urinals;
  - Title 24, California Administrative Code, which establishes efficiency standards for shower heads, lavatory faucets, and sink faucets, as well as requirements for pipe insulation that can reduce water used before hot water reaches equipment or fixtures; and
  - Government Code Section 7800, which requires that lavatories in public facilities be equipped with self-closing faucets that limit the flow of hot water.
- WS-3** The applicant shall adhere to the conditions of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District “will serve” letters issued for Parcel OT and Parcel 21, including, but not limited to, the payment of connection fees and implementation of water system improvements, if necessary.
- WS-4** The construction of on-site facilities shall meet all health and safety codes, and all domestic water service meter and fire protection connections shall have a backflow device to prevent contamination of the public water system.
- WS-5** The District has prepared a water main relocation and expansion plan for the 14-inch water main that currently traverses Parcel OT. Prior to issuance of the grading permit for the proposed project, the upsized water main shall be installed and operational on

Parcel OT, unless the water main upsizing is to be constructed and made operational as a part of the proposed project. The applicant shall be responsible for costs associated with relocating the water main on Parcel OT or compensating the District for such incurred costs.

**WS-6** The applicant shall complete the following tasks, for review and approval by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department:

*Parcel OT*

- Prepare a Fire Safety Plan;
- Verify and perform Fire Flow Availability tests on 1) the nearest existing public fire hydrant on Admiralty Way (Los Angeles County Waterworks), and 2) the nearest existing public fire hydrant on Washington Boulevard (District);
- Submit architectural plans to the Fire Prevention Engineering Division in Hawthorne; and
- Submit an original Fire Flow Availability Form (196).

*Parcel 21*

- Prepare a Fire Safety Plan;
- Verify the nearest existing public fire hydrant to the property;
- Submit architectural plans to the Fire Prevention Engineering Division in Hawthorne; and
- Submit an original Fire Flow Availability Form (196).

**W-7** Prior to issuance of the grading permit for the proposed project, the water main infrastructure in Panay Way shall be replaced with a water main that is up to 18 inches in diameter and operational in order to meet the fire flow demand of the project on Parcel 21.

### ***Parcel OT Project***

#### ***Potential Effect***

The proposed project would result in an increase of water usage over existing uses at Parcel OT. Construction of the proposed Parcel OT building would require relocation of an existing water main. The conflict between the location of the proposed building and the water main on Parcel OT could result in a potentially significant impact to local water infrastructure.

#### ***Findings***

Implementation of the measures identified in this section, conditions of approval, and the incorporation of design features will reduce the potential water supply impacts to a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

#### ***Facts***

Water Supply impacts are discussed in Section IV.I of the DEIR. Proposed development on this Parcel is expected to demand approximately 15,960 gallons of water per day. This is a conservative estimate as it does not account for any water use that may currently be demanded of the parking lot on Parcel OT nor does it include the decrease in water demand that would occur as a result of the 1,500 square-foot reduction in retail uses.

As the proposed project represents implementation of development potential included within the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan, the proposed project is considered to be included in countywide growth projections and accounted for in the 2005 Urban Water Management Plan. Therefore, the proposed project on Parcel OT would result in a less than significant impact on water supply.

The water district currently has plans to upsize the 14-inch water main that currently traverses Parcel OT to a 24-inch water main within the same alignment. The existing and approved water mains are located within the footprint of the proposed Parcel OT building, and thus construction of the proposed building would require relocation of the water main. The applicant has identified a proposed alignment approximately 36 feet to the northeast of the

existing alignment that would accommodate both the upsized water main and the proposed Parcel OT project. The conflicts between the location of the proposed building on Parcel OT and the on-site water main would result in potentially significant impacts to local water infrastructure prior to mitigation.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of project approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts:

- WS-1** The applicant shall prepare a landscape plan that meets all provisions of Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 71, Water Efficient Landscaping.
- WS-2** The applicant shall incorporate into the building plans water conservation measures as outlined in the following:
- State of California Health and Safety Code Section 17921.3, requiring low-flow toilets and urinals;
  - Title 24, California Administrative Code, which establishes efficiency standards for shower heads, lavatory faucets, and sink faucets, as well as requirements for pipe insulation that can reduce water used before hot water reaches equipment or fixtures; and
  - Government Code Section 7800, which requires that lavatories in public facilities be equipped with self-closing faucets that limit the flow of hot water.
- WS-3** The applicant shall adhere to the conditions of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District “will serve” letters issued for Parcel OT and Parcel 21, including, but not limited to, the payment of connection fees and implementation of water system improvements, if necessary.
- WS-4** The construction of on-site facilities shall meet all health and safety codes, and all domestic water service meter and fire protection connections shall have a backflow device to prevent contamination of the public water system.

**WS-5** The District has prepared a water main relocation and expansion plan for the 14-inch water main that currently traverses Parcel OT. Prior to issuance of the grading permit for the proposed project, the upsized water main shall be installed and operational on Parcel OT, unless the water main upsizing is to be constructed and made operational as a part of the proposed project. The applicant shall be responsible for costs associated with relocating the water main on Parcel OT or compensating the District for such incurred costs.

**WS-6** The applicant shall complete the following tasks, for review and approval by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department:

*Parcel OT*

- Prepare a Fire Safety Plan;
- Verify and perform Fire Flow Availability tests on 1) the nearest existing public fire hydrant on Admiralty Way (Los Angeles County Waterworks), and 2) the nearest existing public fire hydrant on Washington Boulevard (District);
- Submit architectural plans to the Fire Prevention Engineering Division in Hawthorne; and
- Submit an original Fire Flow Availability Form (196).

***Parcel 21 Project***

***Potential Effect***

The proposed project would result in an increase of water usage over existing uses at the Parcel 21 project site. Based on available fire flow data, inadequate water infrastructure for firefighting demand at Parcel 21 could result in a potentially significant impact.

***Findings***

Implementation of the measures identified in this section, conditions of approval, and the incorporation of design features will reduce the potential water supply impacts to a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:



- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

***Facts***

Water Supply impacts are discussed in Section IV.I of the DEIR. The proposed project would result in an increase of approximately 22,253 gallons per day (gpd) over the existing uses, which translates to 1.5 percent of the Marina del Rey Water System water use (demand). Of this combined total, the proposed project on Parcel 21 is expected to demand 6,292.70 gallons of water per day more than the existing uses on Parcel 21. As the proposed Parcel 21 project would represent a replacement of existing uses and development of uses approved for Parcel 20 but not yet built, it is considered to be included in countywide growth projections and accounted for in the 2005 Urban Water Management Plan. Therefore, the proposed project on Parcel 21 would result in a less than significant impact on water supply.

The project includes replacing the existing 10-inch water main along Panay Way water main infrastructure with a water line that is up to 18 inches in diameter to provide the required fire flow accommodate the proposed project on Parcel 21. The conflicts between the location of the proposed building on Parcel OT and the on-site water main and upgrading the inadequate off-site water main in Panay Way associated with Parcel 21 would result in potentially significant impacts to local water infrastructure.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of project approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts:

- WS-1** The applicant shall prepare a landscape plan that meets all provisions of Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 71, Water Efficient Landscaping.
- WS-2** The applicant shall incorporate into the building plans water conservation measures as outlined in the following:
- State of California Health and Safety Code Section 17921.3, requiring low-flow toilets and urinals;

- Title 24, California Administrative Code, which establishes efficiency standards for shower heads, lavatory faucets, and sink faucets, as well as requirements for pipe insulation that can reduce water used before hot water reaches equipment or fixtures; and
- Government Code Section 7800, which requires that lavatories in public facilities be equipped with self-closing faucets that limit the flow of hot water.

**WS-3** The applicant shall adhere to the conditions of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District “will serve” letters issued for Parcel OT and Parcel 21, including, but not limited to, the payment of connection fees and implementation of water system improvements, if necessary.

**WS-4** The construction of on-site facilities shall meet all health and safety codes, and all domestic water service meter and fire protection connections shall have a backflow device to prevent contamination of the public water system.

**WS-6** The applicant shall complete the following tasks, for review and approval by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department:

*Parcel 21*

- Prepare a Fire Safety Plan;
- Verify the nearest existing public fire hydrant to the property;
- Submit architectural plans to the Fire Prevention Engineering Division in Hawthorne; and
- Submit an original Fire Flow Availability Form (196).

**W-7** Prior to issuance of the grading permit for the proposed project, the water main infrastructure in Panay Way shall be replaced with a water main that is up to 18 inches in diameter and operational in order to meet the fire flow demand of the project on Parcel 21.

## **(11) Environmental Safety**

### ***Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts Project***

#### ***Potential Effect***

Some of the soils on Parcel OT would be classified as hazardous, if excavated. As such, development of the project on Parcel OT could result in a significant impact associated with soil toxicity. As methane concentrations as high as 28,000 ppm were measured during the investigation of Parcel OT, and development of the site would require grading and result in the construction of a facility, this is identified as a significant impact. Several samples had detectable levels of certain regulated metals on Parcel 21; however, these concentrations may be attributed to naturally occurring metals, and if they are part of an artificial fill, the levels are very low and below any regulatory criteria. Development of Parcel 21 is therefore expected to result in a less than significant impact associated with soil toxicity.

#### ***Findings***

Implementation of the measures identified in this section, conditions of approval and the incorporation of design features will reduce the potential environmental safety impacts to a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

#### ***Facts***

Environmental Safety impacts are discussed in Section IV.J of the DEIR. The analytical results show that several samples had detectable levels of certain metals, volatile organic compounds, pesticides, and petroleum-based compounds considered as regulated contaminants, and the primary contaminants of concern included elevated levels of lead and copper on Parcel OT. Levels of lead on Parcel OT were above the residential preliminary remediation goal (PRG). Additionally, several sample test results exceeded a figure of ten times their respective soluble threshold limit concentration (STLC) on Parcel OT. Where subsurface methane concentrations exceed 5,000 ppm, mitigation improvements are typically required by

the oversight agency (such as the Department of Public Works Building and Safety Division). The project would comply with all applicable County, State, and Federal guidelines regarding the handling, excavation, disposal, and/or remediation of soils classified as hazardous waste, as appropriate for the respective sites. It should be noted that impacts related to Parcel 21 are expected to be less than significant; as such, only Mitigation Measure ES-2 would potentially be implemented, as it would be applicable only in the event that any previously unidentified hazardous soils conditions are discovered during grading activities at the site.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the identified or potential impacts:

- ES-1** The applicant shall adhere to all applicable County, State, and Federal guidelines regarding the handling, excavation, disposal, and/or remediation of soils classified as hazardous waste, which may include, but not be limited to, the development and implementation of a Soil Management Work Plan (SMWP) for the project, as well as correspondence with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to determine the level of any necessary remediation efforts.
- ES-2** In the event that previously unidentified waste or debris is discovered during construction/grading activities, and the waste or debris is believed to involve hazardous waste or materials, the contractor shall: immediately stop work in the vicinity of the suspected contaminant; remove workers and the public from the area; notify the resident inspector; secure the area as directed by the resident inspector; and notify the County of Los Angeles Hazardous Waste/Materials Coordinator and the Fire Department. Work in the affected area shall cease until the proper approval is granted by the appropriate governmental oversight agency and a work plan is implemented, if necessary.
- ES-3** The applicant shall install a passive ventilation system beneath the building foundation

system on Parcel OT. The sub-slab vent system typically consists of four-inch diameter perforated polyethylene piping installed within 12-inch deep gravel-filled trenches beneath the building. These vent lines are normally spaced no more than 20 to 30 feet apart in order to effectively ventilate the subgrade beneath the building. The sub-slab vent lines are connected to vent risers installed within the building walls. As with typical sanitary sewer vent lines, the methane vent risers terminate above the roofline of the building. A dewatering system shall be required if the methane vent lines are less than one foot above the historic high groundwater level at the site.

- ES-4 The applicant shall install a gas membrane beneath the building foundation system of Parcel OT. The sub-slab gas barrier typically consists of a continuous Liquid Boot™ membrane installed beneath the floor slab of the building. This membrane has a minimum required thickness of 100-mills (0.10 inch). Gas tight seals are required at all locations where utilities or conduits penetrate the membrane. At the completion of the installation, the membrane is smoke tested using a procedure developed by GeoKinetics in order to confirm its integrity.
- ES-5 The applicant shall install conduit seals on dry utilities servicing the building the Parcel OT. Conduit seals shall be installed on dry utility conduits (e.g. electrical, telephone, cable T.V.) that terminate on the interior of the building. These seals are intended to prevent the migration of methane through the conduits to interior areas. Also, in order to reduce the potential for methane to migrate through the sand backfill of any utility trenches, which extend up to and/or beneath the building, “dams” consisting of a lean sand/cement/bentonite slurry shall be installed within the trench lines at the perimeter of the building.
- ES-6 Upon finalization of the foundation and/or architectural plans for the structure on Parcel OT, and prior to issuance of the Grading Permit, the project subsurface methane gas consultant shall review such plans and provide further recommendations for

methane gas mitigation measures, if necessary. Any additional recommendations by the subsurface methane gas consultant shall be adhered to by the applicant.

### ***Parcel OT Project***

#### ***Potential Effect***

Some of the soils on Parcel OT would be classified as hazardous, if excavated. As such, development of the project on Parcel OT could result in a significant impact associated with soil toxicity. As methane concentrations as high as 28,000 ppm were measured during the investigation of Parcel OT, and development of the site would require grading and result in the construction of a facility, this could result in a significant impact.

#### ***Findings***

Implementation of the measures identified in this section, conditions of approval and the incorporation of design features will reduce the potential environmental safety impacts to a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

#### ***Facts***

Environmental Safety impacts are discussed in Section IV.J of the DEIR. The analytical results show that several samples had detectable levels of certain metals, volatile organic compounds, pesticides, and petroleum-based compounds considered as regulated contaminants, and the primary contaminants of concern included elevated levels of lead and copper on Parcel OT. Levels of lead on Parcel OT were above the residential preliminary remediation goal (PRG). Additionally, several sample test results exceeded a figure of ten times their respective soluble threshold limit concentration (STLC) on Parcel OT. Where subsurface methane concentrations exceed 5,000 ppm, mitigation improvements are typically required by the oversight agency (such as the Department of Public Works Building and Safety Division). The Parcel OT project would comply with all applicable County, State, and Federal guidelines

regarding the handling, excavation, disposal, and/or remediation of soils classified as hazardous waste.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measures will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the identified impacts:

- ES-1** The applicant shall adhere to all applicable County, State, and Federal guidelines regarding the handling, excavation, disposal, and/or remediation of soils classified as hazardous waste, which may include, but not be limited to, the development and implementation of a Soil Management Work Plan (SMWP) for the project, as well as correspondence with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to determine the level of any necessary remediation efforts.
- ES-2** In the event that previously unidentified waste or debris is discovered during construction/grading activities, and the waste or debris is believed to involve hazardous waste or materials, the contractor shall: immediately stop work in the vicinity of the suspected contaminant; remove workers and the public from the area; notify the resident inspector; secure the area as directed by the resident inspector; and notify the County of Los Angeles Hazardous Waste/Materials Coordinator and the Fire Department. Work in the affected area shall cease until the proper approval is granted by the appropriate governmental oversight agency and a work plan is implemented, if necessary.
- ES-3** The applicant shall install a passive ventilation system beneath the building foundation system on Parcel OT. The sub-slab vent system typically consists of four-inch diameter perforated polyethylene piping installed within 12-inch deep gravel-filled trenches beneath the building. These vent lines are normally spaced no more than 20 to 30 feet apart in order to effectively ventilate the subgrade beneath the building. The sub-slab vent lines are connected to vent risers installed within the building walls. As with typical

sanitary sewer vent lines, the methane vent risers terminate above the roofline of the building. A dewatering system shall be required if the methane vent lines are less than one foot above the historic high groundwater level at the site.

- ES-4** The applicant shall install a gas membrane beneath the building foundation system of Parcel OT. The sub-slab gas barrier typically consists of a continuous Liquid Boot™ membrane installed beneath the floor slab of the building. This membrane has a minimum required thickness of 100-mills (0.10 inch). Gas tight seals are required at all locations where utilities or conduits penetrate the membrane. At the completion of the installation, the membrane is smoke tested using a procedure developed by GeoKinetics in order to confirm its integrity.
- ES-5** The applicant shall install conduit seals on dry utilities servicing the building the Parcel OT. Conduit seals shall be installed on dry utility conduits (e.g. electrical, telephone, cable T.V.) that terminate on the interior of the building. These seals are intended to prevent the migration of methane through the conduits to interior areas. Also, in order to reduce the potential for methane to migrate through the sand backfill of any utility trenches, which extend up to and/or beneath the building, “dams” consisting of a lean sand/cement/bentonite slurry shall be installed within the trench lines at the perimeter of the building.
- ES-6** Upon finalization of the foundation and/or architectural plans for the structure on Parcel OT, and prior to issuance of the Grading Permit, the project subsurface methane gas consultant shall review such plans and provide further recommendations for methane gas mitigation measures, if necessary. Any additional recommendations by the subsurface methane gas consultant shall be adhered to by the applicant.



### ***Parcel 21 Project***

#### ***Potential Effect***

The presence of residual soil toxicity due to prior uses of the site could present a significant hazard to the occupants of the project, the public or the environment.

#### ***Findings***

Implementation of the measure identified in this section, conditions of approval and the incorporation of design features will reduce the potential environmental safety impacts to a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

#### ***Facts***

Environmental Safety impacts are discussed in Section IV.J of the DEIR. The results of soil samples collected on Parcel 21 were not high enough to conclude the presence of hazardous materials. Development of Parcel 21 is therefore expected to result in a less than significant impact associated with soil toxicity. However, in the event that previously unidentified hazardous soil conditions are discovered during site grading activities, implementation of Mitigation Measure ES-2 would reduce the impact to a less than significant level.

The above finding is made in that the following mitigation measure will be made conditions of approval so as to mitigate the potential impact:

**ES-2** In the event that previously unidentified waste or debris is discovered during construction/grading activities, and the waste or debris is believed to involve hazardous waste or materials, the contractor shall: immediately stop work in the vicinity of the suspected contaminant; remove workers and the public from the area; notify the resident inspector; secure the area as directed by the resident inspector; and notify the County of Los Angeles Hazardous Waste/Materials Coordinator and the Fire Department. Work in the affected area shall cease until the proper approval is granted

by the appropriate governmental oversight agency and a work plan is implemented, if necessary.

**(12) Land Use**

***Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts Project***

***Potential Effect***

The project could be incompatibility with the existing land uses in the project area, and conflict with applicable governing land use plans, policies or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project.

***Findings***

The proposed Project would require an amendment to the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program (LCP) to create an Active Seniors Accommodations Land Use Category, adjust the lease parcel boundary between Parcel OT and Parcel P redesignate the land use on Parcel OT and a portion of Parcel P to be added to Parcel OT, as well as transfer development potential from other Development Zones to the Parcel OT. The LCP amendment also recognizes the relocation of public parking to Parcel 21, an area of higher demand due to its proximity to Marina Beach. The project would be consistent with the LCP land use designation for Parcel 21. With the California Coastal Commission's certification of the requested amendment, the project would be consistent with the Certified LCP. The components of the project would require implementation of mitigation measures to ensure consistency with the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan. The individual components of the project would also require approval of Coastal Development Permits, Conditional Use Permits and parking permits. Implementation of applicable regulations, consistency with land use plans, and approval of requested discretionary actions, to address the impacts of the project would reduce impacts to a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

### ***Facts***

Land Use impacts are discussed in Section IV.K of the DEIR. The project would require issuance of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), Coastal Development Permit (CDP), and Parking Permit and amendments to the LCP for Parcel OT for the creation of a new land use category in the LCP; re-designation of the Parcel OT land use category; adjustment to the lease parcel boundary between Parcels OT and P; and transfer of development potential, and parking. As provided in the policy consistency analysis, certain aspects of the project would require implementation of mitigation measures to ensure consistency. Without the LCP Amendments, CUP, CDP, and Parking Permit, the proposed Parcel OT development would not be consistent with the current LCP. However, as the proposed project includes these approval requests, which would assure that the land uses are consistent with the proposed land use designation, proposed Mixed Use Overlay Zone, and LCP and Specific Plan policies, the proposed development would result in less than significant impacts relative to land use policies and zoning consistency. Further, mitigation measures have been provided for potential impacts related to geotechnical hazards, noise, water quality, air quality, biota, cultural resources, visual qualities, traffic/access, utilities (water supply), environmental safety, and global climate change. Thus, no further mitigation measures are warranted to render potential land use impacts less than significant.

### ***Parcel OT Project***

#### ***Potential Effect***

The Oceana Retirement Facility project could be incompatible with the existing land uses in the project area, and conflict with applicable governing land use plans, policies or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project.

### ***Findings***

The Parcel OT Project would require an amendment to the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program (LCP) to create an Active Seniors Accommodations Land Use Category, adjust the lease parcel boundary between Parcel OT and Parcel P redesignate the land use on Parcel OT and a

portion of Parcel P to be added to Parcel OT, as well as transfer development potential from other Development Zones to the Parcel OT. With the California Coastal Commission's certification of the requested amendments, the project would be consistent with the Certified LCP. The Parcel OT project would require implementation of mitigation measures to ensure consistency with the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan. The project would also require approval of a Coastal Development Permit, Conditional Use Permit and parking permit. Implementation of applicable regulations, consistency with land use plans, and approval of requested discretionary actions, to address the impacts of the project would reduce impacts to a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

### ***Facts***

Land Use impacts are discussed in Section IV.K of the DEIR. The project would require issuance of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), Coastal Development Permit (CDP), and Parking Permit and amendments to the LCP for Parcel OT for the creation of a new land use category in the LCP; re-designation of the Parcel OT land use category; adjustment to the lease parcel boundary between Parcels OT and P; and transfer of development potential, and parking. The proposed active seniors accommodations would provide overnight accommodations and attendant visitor-serving services, including dining and entertainment areas. There is development potential as well as associated trip allowances available in the Admiralty DZ #7 and Palawan/Beach DZ #5 (114 hotel rooms and 3,500 square feet of retail space, respectively) that can be transferred to the Oxford DZ #6 for the proposed project. Therefore, the proposed amendment would relocate, but not add, development potential and trips between Marina del Rey Parcels. Additionally, operation of active seniors accommodations would also reduce the amount of daily trips planned for in Marina del Rey, as the 114-room hotel land use (development potential in the Admiralty DZ #7) would be expected to generate 931 daily trips, 64 AM peak hour trips, and 40 PM peak hour trips, as compared to the proposed active seniors accommodations (transferred hotel land use to Parcel OT in the Oxford DZ #6 with the MUZ

overlay to operate as active seniors accommodations) that would generate 387 daily trips, 10 AM peak hour trips, and 41 PM peak hour trips.

As provided in the policy consistency analysis, certain aspects of the project would require implementation of mitigation measures to ensure consistency. Without the LCP Amendments, CUP, CDP, and Parking Permit, the proposed Parcel OT development would not be consistent with the current LCP. However, as the proposed project includes these approval requests, which would assure that the land uses are consistent with the proposed land use designation, proposed Mixed Use Overlay Zone, and LCP and Specific Plan policies, the proposed development would result in less than significant impacts relative to land use policies and zoning consistency. Further, mitigation measures have been provided for potential impacts related to geotechnical hazards, noise, water quality, air quality, biota, cultural resources, visual qualities, traffic/access, utilities (water supply), environmental safety, and global climate change. Thus, no further mitigation measures are warranted to render potential land use impacts less than significant.

### ***Parcel 21 Project***

#### ***Potential Effect***

The project could be incompatibility with the existing land uses in the project area, and conflict with applicable governing land use plans, policies or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project.

#### ***Findings***

The Parcel 21 project would be consistent with the LCP land use designation. With the approval of the Coastal Development Permit, Conditional Use Permit and parking permit, the project would be consistent with the Certified LCP. The components of the project would require implementation of mitigation measures to ensure consistency with the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan. Conformance with applicable regulations, consistency with land use plans, and approval of requested discretionary actions, to address the impacts of the project would reduce impacts to a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

***Facts***

Land Use impacts are discussed in Section IV.K of the DEIR. The LCP currently designates Parcel 21 as marine commercial. The marine commercial designation allows for coastal-related or coastal-dependent uses associated with operation, sales, storage and repair of boats and marine support facilities. Uses include public boat launching (and associated launching ramp hoists), boat rentals, boating schools, dry boat storage, yacht club facilities (with associated dry storage and launch hoists), marine chandleries, boat repair yards, yacht brokerages, charter boat operations, parking and associated ancillary retail and office uses.

Under the proposed project, the marine commercial designation would be maintained for the proposed development on Parcel 21. Certain aspects of the proposed development on Parcel 21 would require implementation of mitigation measures to ensure consistency with LCP and Specific Plan policies. Without the CDP, CUP, and Parking Permit, the proposed Parcel 21 development would not be consistent with the current LCP. However, as the proposed project includes these approval requests, assuring that the proposed land uses on Parcel 21 are consistent with the LCP and Specific Plan policies. The Parcel 21 project largely represents a replacement of existing on-site land uses, and the proposed development on Parcel 21 would result in less than significant impacts relative to land use policies and zoning consistency. As with Parcel OT, mitigation measures have been provided for potential impacts related to geotechnical hazards, noise, water quality, air quality, biota, cultural resources, visual qualities, traffic/access, utilities (water supply), environmental safety, and global climate change. Thus, no further mitigation measures are warranted to render potential land use impacts less than significant.

**(13) Global Climate Change**

***Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts Project***

### ***Potential Effect***

Potentially significant impacts could occur with respect to the project's contribution to global climate change through the generation of both short and long-term increases in greenhouse gases. During grading and construction, greenhouse gas emissions would result mainly from trip generation (mobile sources) and the use of heavy equipment and trucks. The proposed project would also result in operational increases in greenhouse gas emissions as a result of trip generation, area sources (mainly natural gas combustion), and from generating electricity to meet project-related increases in energy demand. While mobile sources, area sources, and construction diesel trucks and equipment are considered direct sources of greenhouse gas emissions, the emissions resulting from the electrical demands of the project is considered indirect and also include emissions resulting from generating electricity used to provide water to the project, to process solid waste generated, and wastewater treatment generated by the project.

### ***Findings***

The project's impacts to global climate change would not be significant. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) The record of proceedings does not expressly identify, or contain substantial evidence identifying, potentially significant environmental effects of the project with respect to this impact area.

### ***Facts***

Global climate change impacts are discussed in Section IV.L of the DEIR. The proposed projects on Parcel OT and Parcel 21 combined would result in the CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent of nearly 4,500 metric tons of greenhouse emissions per year. However, as greenhouse gas emissions from several sources were not considered for existing land uses at Parcel OT, this is considered to be a conservative estimate. Given the grand scope of global climate change, it is not anticipated that development on the scale of the proposed projects on Parcel OT and Parcel 21

would have a discernable effect on global climate change. Therefore, this issue is discussed as a cumulative impact under Cumulative Global Climate Change below.

### ***Parcel OT Project***

#### ***Potential Effect***

Potentially significant impacts could occur with respect to the project's contribution to global climate change through the generation of both short and long-term increases in greenhouse gases on Parcel OT. During grading and construction on Parcel OT, greenhouse gas emissions would result mainly from trip generation (mobile sources) and the use of heavy equipment and trucks. The proposed project would also result in operational increases in greenhouse gas emissions as a result of trip generation, area sources (mainly natural gas combustion), and from generating electricity to meet project-related increases in energy demand on Parcel OT. While mobile sources, area sources, and construction diesel trucks and equipment are considered direct sources of greenhouse gas emissions, the emissions resulting from the electrical demands of the projects are considered indirect and also include emissions resulting from generating electricity used to provide water to the project, to process solid waste generated by the project, and to process wastewater treatment generated by the project.

#### ***Findings***

The Parcel OT project impacts to global climate change would not be significant. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) The record of proceedings does not expressly identify, or contain substantial evidence identifying, potentially significant environmental effects of the project with respect to this impact area.

#### ***Facts***

Global climate change impacts are discussed in Section IV.L of the DEIR. The proposed project on Parcel OT could result in an increase in greenhouse gas emissions as compared to



the existing uses. Given the grand scope of global climate change, it is not anticipated that development on the scale of the proposed project on Parcel OT would have a discernable effect on global climate change. Therefore, this issue is discussed as a cumulative impact under Cumulative Global Climate Change below.

### ***Parcel 21 Project***

#### ***Potential Effect***

Potentially significant impacts could occur with respect to the project's contribution to global climate change through the generation of both short and long-term increases in greenhouse gases on Parcel 21. During grading and construction on Parcel 21, greenhouse gas emissions would result mainly from trip generation (mobile sources) and the use of heavy equipment and trucks. The proposed project would also result in operational increases in greenhouse gas emissions as a result of trip generation, area sources (mainly natural gas combustion), and from generating electricity to meet project-related increases in energy demand on Parcel 21. While mobile sources, area sources, and construction diesel trucks and equipment are considered direct sources of greenhouse gas emissions, the emissions resulting from the electrical demands of the projects are considered indirect and also include emissions resulting from generating electricity used to provide water to the project, to process solid waste generated by the project, and to process wastewater treatment generated on Parcel 21.

#### ***Findings***

The Parcel 21 project impacts to global climate change would not be significant. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) The record of proceedings does not expressly identify, or contain substantial evidence identifying, potentially significant environmental effects of the project with respect to this impact area.

***Facts***

Global climate change impacts are discussed in Section IV.L of the DEIR. The proposed project on Parcel 21 could result in increased greenhouse emissions over existing uses. Given the grand scope of global climate change, it is not anticipated that development on the scale of the proposed project on Parcel 21 would have a discernable effect on global climate change. Therefore, this issue is discussed as a cumulative impact under Cumulative Global Climate Change below.

**Cumulative Impacts****(1) Cumulative Geotechnical Impacts*****Potential Effect***

Several related projects are proposed for development within the general study area encompassing the project sites and significant cumulative grading and geotechnical impacts could occur.

***Finding***

Following proper implementation of project design measures and compliance with all applicable regulations and permit conditions (Mitigation Measures GEO-1 through GEO-4 identified above) the project and related projects would not result in significant cumulative geotechnical impacts. Additionally, related projects would require municipal government approvals of grading plans, design, and mitigation. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

***Facts***

Cumulative geotechnical and soil resource impacts are discussed on page IV.A-13 of the DEIR. Significant cumulative grading and geotechnical impacts resulting from the potentially

concurrent construction of the related projects are not anticipated. The proposed projects on Parcel OT and Parcel 21 and related projects would be subject to potentially severe ground shaking during an earthquake. Related projects would require municipal government approvals of grading plans, design, and mitigation. Assuming adherence to the building codes and other locally imposed plans, cumulative impacts would be reduced, but not eliminated. Related projects would not be exposed to a greater than normal seismic risk than other areas in Southern California. In addition, related projects would not compound the specific effects that could occur on the Parcel OT and Parcel 21 project sites. Therefore, cumulative impacts are considered less than significant.

## **(2) Cumulative Noise**

### ***Potential Effect***

Significant cumulative noise impacts could occur as a result of construction activity taking place within Marina del Rey, as well as increased vehicle traffic generated by cumulative development, once the related projects are constructed and operational.

### ***Finding***

Following proper implementation of project design measures and compliance with all applicable regulations and permit conditions (Mitigation Measures N-1 through N-12 identified above), the project and the related projects would not result in significant cumulative noise impacts. . Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

### ***Facts***

Cumulative noise impacts are discussed on page IV.B-4 of the DEIR. All construction activities on Parcel OT and Parcel 21, as well as on related project sites, would be subject to the requirements of the "County of Los Angeles Construction Equipment Noise Standards" and the Noise Control Ordinance of the County of Los Angeles (LACC 12.08.440) or similar ordinances in

other jurisdictions. Compliance with the County's Noise Ordinance, along with incorporation of mitigation recommended as part of each project's environmental review, would adequately mitigate cumulative construction-related noise impacts for the Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects.

Cumulative traffic noise (comparing existing noise to 2014 "with project and other developments" in Table IV.B-8 of the DEIR) shows the largest cumulative traffic noise increase on any segment to be +2.9 dB CNEL. This segment is Panay Way west of Via Marina. Not only is this increase less than the adopted +3 dB CNEL threshold, but the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects themselves do not contribute substantially to the noise increase. Noise levels are identical or nearly identical for the 2014 "no project" and 2014 "with project" scenarios (refer to Table IV.B-8). The next largest increase is +1.4 dB CNEL on Via Marina between Admiralty and Panay Way. Again, the Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects contribute negligibly to this growth in cumulative traffic noise. Therefore, the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 project's traffic noise impacts associated with forecast area growth are not cumulatively significant along any analyzed roadway segment.

### **(3) Cumulative Water Quality**

#### ***Potential Effect***

A number of development projects are pending or approved in the vicinity of the project. These projects, in conjunction with the Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects, could have a cumulative impact on water quality.

#### ***Finding***

Following proper implementation of project design measures and compliance with all applicable regulations and permit conditions (Mitigation Measures WQ-1 through WQ-3 identified above), the project and the related projects would meet the local jurisdiction and Regional Water Quality Control Board requirements. The cumulative water quality impacts of the project and related project would be less than significant. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

***Facts***

Cumulative and water quality impacts are discussed on IV.C-12 of the DEIR. Urbanization (i.e., the development of related projects) of the Marina del Rey, Ballona Creek, and Santa Monica Mountains Watersheds is expected to have significant cumulative water quality impacts to Santa Monica Bay, of which the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects are a part. The proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects' contribution to this cumulative condition is considered significant prior to implementation of mitigation measures. The project and related projects are required to meet water quality requirements as with the Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects. The requirements will be identified by the local jurisdiction and the Regional Water Quality Control Board and will generally include prohibitions on significant increases in post-development storm water flows and storm water velocities into the small craft harbor. Following proper implementation of project design measures and compliance with all applicable regulations and permit conditions (Mitigation Measures WQ-1 through WQ-3 identified above) for the respective sites, this impact would be less than significant.

**(4) Cumulative Air Quality**

***Potential Effect***

Significant cumulative air quality impacts could occur as a result of construction activity taking place within Marina del Rey, as well as increased vehicle traffic generated by cumulative development, once these projects are constructed and operational.

***Finding***

Following proper implementation of project design measures and compliance with all applicable regulations and permit conditions (Mitigation Measures AQ-1 and AQ-2 identified above), the project and the related projects would not result in significant cumulative air quality impacts. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

***Facts***

Cumulative air quality impacts are discussed on IV.D-14 of the DEIR. Regionally, air pollutant emission impacts would fall below the significance level with attainment of air quality planning goals. In the interim, the cumulative condition is significant. Operationally, the Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects' emissions would not exceed adopted significance thresholds. The Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects' air quality impacts during construction would similarly not exceed significance thresholds. However, as the SCAB is in non-attainment for smog and PM-10 impacts from all Basin-wide construction activities (including diesel exhaust from construction vehicles) are cumulatively considerable, including the Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects. However, implementation of Mitigation Measures AQ-1 and AQ-2 (Best Available Control Measures) would reduce the proposed project's contribution to this cumulative condition to less than significant.

**(5) Cumulative Biota**

***Potential Effect***

Development of the project in conjunction with other related projects would increase the potential impacts to naturally occurring plants and animals, resulting in a potentially significant cumulative impact to biota.

***Finding***

Following proper implementation of project mitigation and compliance with all applicable regulations and permit conditions (Mitigation Measure BIO-1 identified above) for the respective sites, the project and the related projects would not result in significant cumulative biota impacts. The Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects and the related projects must be in compliance with current applicable laws and regulations and include mitigation as necessary. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

***Facts***

Cumulative biota impacts are discussed on page IV.E-8 and 9 of the DEIR. Several related projects are proposed for development within the general study area (Marina del Rey, Los Angeles County, and the City of Los Angeles). As Marina del Rey and the immediate areas are largely urbanized, the proposed project's contribution to the cumulative condition after proper implementation of the specified mitigation measure at the respective sites is not cumulatively considerable. Therefore, the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects would result in a less than significant cumulative impact on biota.

**(6) Cumulative Cultural Resources**

***Potential Effect***

Development of the project in conjunction with other related projects would increase the potential impacts to prehistoric or historic, resulting in a potentially significant cumulative impact to cultural resources.

***Finding***

Through implementation of feasible mitigation measures and compliance with current applicable laws and regulations, the project and the related projects would not result in significant cumulative impacts to cultural resources. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

***Facts***

Cultural resources impacts are discussed in Section IV.F of the DEIR. The potential of the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects constitute Phase II development of Marina del Rey and any prehistoric and historic archaeological resources on Marina land already altered or designated for development have been already impacted, according to the Marina del Rey LCP. If for some reason this is not the case, and grading and/or excavation of Phase II development

uncovers such resources, the development of the Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects would be considered cumulatively considerable contribution to this effect. Implementation of mitigation measures would reduce the project's contribution to cumulative project impacts to a less than significant level.

#### **(5) Cumulative Visual Quality**

##### ***Potential Effect***

The potential exists that, when all Phase II development is viewed cumulatively, impacts to visual quality within the Marina del Rey community could be considered significant.

##### ***Finding***

The Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects have received conceptual approval from the Design Control Board (DCB) and will meet height and massing requirements specified in the LCP. Related projects are expected to also conform to height requirements and to be reviewed and approved by the DCB. The Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects in combination with the related projects will not result in any cumulative impacts with respect to nighttime glare and lighting. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) The record of proceedings does not expressly identify, or contain substantial evidence identifying, potentially significant environmental effects of the Project with respect to this impact area.

##### ***Facts***

Cumulative visual quality impacts are discussed on pages IV.G-19 and 21 of the DEIR. Implementation of Phase II Marina del Rey development would gradually result in the alteration of the existing visual character of the Marina del Rey. However, regulations are in place to assure that proposed projects in Marina del Rey do not adversely affect visual resources in the area. The proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects have received conceptual approval from the DCB, and it would be constructed so as to comply with the Marina del Rey LCP height, density, and view corridor requirements. Similarly, related projects must also comply with the Marina del Rey LCP policies and be approved by the DCB.



Development of the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects and related projects would introduce new or expanded sources of light and glare into Marina del Rey. As the Marina and the surrounding area are highly urbanized, however, the additional light sources created by these projects are not of a substantial magnitude to alter the existing daytime glare or evening lighting environment, especially given the fact that building materials require approval by the Marina del Rey Design Control Board and Lighting Plans must be submitted to and approved by the County of Los Angeles. Cumulative daytime glare and night lighting impacts are therefore concluded to be less than significant.

#### **(9) Cumulative Utilities (Water Supply)**

##### ***Potential Effect***

Development of the Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects, in conjunction with other approved and pending projects within Marina del Rey, would increase water demand, resulting in a potentially significant cumulative impact to water services.

##### ***Findings***

Feasible mitigation measures such as constructing waterline improvements; implementation of water efficient landscaping and water conservation measures to address the impact of the Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects and the related projects would reduce cumulative those impacts to a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

##### ***Facts***

Cumulative water supply impacts are discussed on page IV.I-9 of the DEIR. Generally, developments outside of planned conditions need to be assessed for adequate local and regional water supplies. To meet future domestic water demands and fire protection water demands in the community, the water district prepared a master plan to upgrade the domestic

water distribution network in Marina del Rey, which is based on the existing demand and growth projections, as well as redevelopment land uses proposed in the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan. Phase I of the improvement plan was completed in 2002, which resulted in the replacement of a 14-inch line with a new 24-inch line from the Water Works District No. 29 metered connection in Venice Boulevard to Marina del Rey. Phase II will consist of installing approximately 9,500 linear feet of water main along Via Marina, Admiralty Way, and a portion of Fiji Way, while Phase III will consist of installing approximately 9,800 linear feet of water main along Via Marina, Bora Bora Way, and Fiji Way.

Although the proposed Parcel OT project requires amendment to the Marina del Rey LCP, the preceding analysis demonstrates that it is not expected to demand a significant water supply in relation to the overall capacity of the Marina del Rey Water System. However, until completion of Phases II and III of the system upgrade described above, fire flow water capacity may be insufficient for new development within the community, as indicated by the District. However, this is determined on a case-by-case basis through the execution of a flow analysis for the lines that would serve proposed projects. Where flow capacity would be inadequate, developers may choose to finance required improvements, as with the proposed project on Parcel 21. As both short and long-term strategies have been developed to manage potential water supply/fire protection water demand deficiencies, the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects would not result in a significant adverse cumulative impact on water supply.

#### **(11) Cumulative Environmental Safety**

##### ***Potential Effect***

Several related projects are proposed for development within the general study area (Marina del Rey, Los Angeles County, and the City of Los Angeles) and combined with the Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects could result in significant cumulative impacts.

##### ***Findings***

Implementation of feasible mitigation measures and applicable regulations to address the potential impact of the Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects, as appropriate to the respective

sites and the related projects, would reduce cumulative those impacts to a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

***Facts***

Environmental Safety impacts are discussed on page IV.J-4 of the DEIR. Cumulative, or related, projects, as they are developed, would be subject to the same law/code requirements as the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects. Thus, when related projects undergo the CEQA process, they would be individually evaluated on the same criteria as the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects relative to environmental safety. The proposed project's contribution to the cumulative condition after proper implementation of mitigation measures and compliance with all applicable regulations and permit conditions therefore results in a less than significant cumulative impact.

**(12) Cumulative Land Use**

***Potential Effect***

Potentially significant cumulative land use impacts could arise from increasing development intensity throughout Marina del Rey, and conflicts with applicable governing land use plans, policies or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project.

***Findings***

Implementation applicable regulations, consistency with land use plans, and approval of requested discretionary actions, to address the impacts of the project and the related projects would reduce cumulative those impacts to a less than significant level. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) The record of proceedings does not expressly identify, or contain substantial evidence identifying, potentially significant environmental effects of the project with respect to this impact area.

### ***Facts***

Land Use impacts are discussed on page IV.K-31 and 32 of the DEIR. Development potential in the LCP is based on trip generation. The traffic analysis for the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects discussed in Section IV.H, Traffic/Access determined that the project level traffic impacts are all mitigable to less than significant, as are cumulative traffic impacts expected to occur during the construction periods of the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects in combination with related projects and public infrastructure projects. However, following build-out of the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects and related projects, the proposed project's incremental contribution to the cumulative impacts at the intersections of Lincoln Boulevard at Washington Boulevard, Lincoln Boulevard at SR-90, Lincoln Boulevard at Bali Way, Lincoln Boulevard at Mindanao Way, and Lincoln Boulevard at Fiji Way remain significant and unmitigable. As this has already been identified as a cumulative traffic impact, it is not also considered to be a cumulative land use impact.

With regard to the transfer of development potential for Parcel OT, the proposed project would be consistent with the LCP upon approval of the requested LCP Amendment, CUP, CDP and parking permit. Parcel 21 is consistent with the LCP and would require a CUP, CDP and parking permit. The project requires an adjustment to the lease parcel boundary between Parcels OT and P in exchange for the developer of Parcel OT creating a pedestrian pathway linking Venice and Marina del Rey, and maintaining same at no cost to the County. To compensate for the loss of the square footage of Parcel P designated as open space, the County is already expanding Chace Park by approximately 8 acres. The small amount of square footage (19,755 sq. ft.) taken from Parcel P and not used for pedestrian pathway use can easily be subsumed in the expansion of Chace Park. Therefore, the adjustment of the parcel line remains consistent with the LCP. In addition, the area of Parcel P being occupied by the Parcel OT building is now used for parking. Finally, all of the public parking on Parcel OT is being accommodated on both Parcel OT and Parcel 21. Therefore, no net loss of open space or area devoted to parking will occur as a result of this proposal.

The County of Los Angeles is pursuing a LCPA that aggregates all LCPAs currently contemplated by the County into one amendment. This effort was commenced well after this project EIR began for Parcels OT and 21. Parcel OT is a part of this larger amendment as well. The Parcel OT/21 EIR therefore considered the cumulative effect of all of these approvals taking place, irrespective of the County's effort. Related projects that may request similar approvals are reviewed for compliance with County land use plans and ordinances, as is the proposed projects. Since the County's effort would include these parcels, this LCPA would consider the aggregate effect of all amendments that the County is considering

Because the proposed Parcels OT and 21 projects utilizes existing entitlements, and no adverse effects from relocating those existing entitlements has been shown, the proposed Parcels OT and 21 projects are not considered to contribute a significant impact that is cumulatively significant with regard to land use and planning impacts.

### **(13) Global Climate Change**

#### ***Potential Effect***

Potentially significant cumulative impacts could occur with respect to the Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects' and related project's contributions to global climate change through the generation of greenhouse gases.

#### ***Findings***

Through implementation of feasible mitigation measures and compliance with current applicable laws and regulations, the project and the related projects would not result in significant cumulative impacts to global climate change. Therefore, the following finding is made:

- (a) The record of proceedings does not expressly identify, or contain substantial evidence identifying, potentially significant environmental effects of the Project with respect to this impact area.

#### ***Facts***

Cumulative global climate change impacts are discussed in Section IV.L of the DEIR. While not likely to be an individually substantial source of greenhouse gas emissions, the emissions from the proposed project would combine with emissions from throughout the Earth to cumulatively contribute to global climate change. As no threshold of significance exists for this issue, a determination of significance cannot be made at this time.

It should be noted that the project, in mitigating for traffic and air quality impacts, has been designed to incorporate many of the mitigation measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions recommended by the scientific community, and therefore, the project is considered to be consistent with the goals of AB 32 and other policies and plans associated with this global climate change. Additionally, the applicant has incorporated several measures into the project design that exceed minimum Title 24 energy conservation requirements. Among these measures are:

- Installation of low NOx (nitrogen oxide) residential water heaters and space heaters;
- Installation of Energy Star labeled furnaces, equipment, and appliances;
- Use of water-based paint on exterior surfaces;
- Use solar-assisted water heating and/or tankless hot water on demand systems if their energy efficiency is demonstrated to exceed that of a central storage tank water heating system;
- Use of improved insulation and ducting;
- Use of natural lighting;
- Installation of energy efficient lighting and/or maximize use of low pressure sodium and/or fluorescent lighting;
- Use of drought-tolerant landscaping subject to County review;
- Encouragement of the use of transit, bicycling and walking by providing infrastructure to promote their use (bike paths and sidewalks);
- Prohibition against the installation and use of wood burning fireplaces; and
- Use of low volatile organic compound (VOC) coatings for painted surfaces.

The project is also required to and will comply with the Drought-Tolerant Landscaping and Green Building Ordinances. The proposed developments on both Parcel OT and Parcel 21 will be built to Los Angeles County Green Building Standards, which include guidelines for energy conservation, outdoor water conservation, indoor water conservation, resource conservation, and tree planting. Should the applicant file the building permit application on or after January 1, 2010, the proposed project would also be required to and would incorporate building design and materials so as to earn the LEED Silver Certification.

In addition, Marina del Rey is a developed urban community that is well served by public transportation, including the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA or Metro), the Santa Monica Blue Bus, and the Culver City Bus. These three bus lines pass through major corridors in the project area that offer recreational, cultural, dining, and business services for residents. The Culver City Bus connects to the MTA Green Line and the Santa Monica Blue Bus, while the Santa Monica Blue Bus connects to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), the Santa Monica Airport, Greyhound Bus Line, Union Station in Los Angeles, and all MTA Rail Lines. Further, the proposed Parcel OT project would include shuttle services for its senior residents. Such services reduce the project's contribution to vehicle trips in the region as compared to a proposed development sited on the fringe of suburban development (the County of Los Angeles General Plan Housing Element recognizes the transportation and infrastructure constraints of more remote locations ).

As the SCAG's SCS for the Los Angeles region has not yet been formulated per SB 375 requirements, it cannot be concluded with certainty whether the proposed project would be consistent with SB 375. However, based on the above actions to be taken by the project applicant and the fact that the proposed project would be located in a developed urban community that is well served by public transportation and established amenities and services, it appears that the proposed project would be consistent with the goals of SB 375.

**SECTION 2**  
**SIGNIFICANT UNAVOIDABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS WHICH**  
**CANNOT BE MITIGATED TO A LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT LEVEL**

The County has determined that, although FEIR mitigation measures, design features included as part of the project, and conditions of approval imposed on the project will reduce the following effects, these effects cannot be feasibly or effectively mitigated to less than significant levels. Consequently, in accordance with Section 15093 of the State CEQA Guidelines, a Statement of Overriding Considerations has been prepared (see Section 6).

**(1) Visual Qualities**

***Parcel 21 Project***

***Potential Impact (Project)***

The building to be developed on Parcel 21 would represent an increase in height and massing from the current condition on this segment of the Panay Way mole road. This proposed increase in building mass and height on Parcel 21 is conservatively considered to be a potentially significant and unavoidable visual quality impact.

***Findings***

Implementation of measures identified in this section, conditions of approval, and design features incorporated into the Parcel 21 project will reduce the project's impact to visual quality. However, a residual significant adverse impact to visual will occur due to the increase in building height and massing of the Holiday Harbor Courts site along the Panay Way mole road.



***Facts***

Visual impacts are discussed in Section IV.G of the DEIR. The proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects have received conceptual approval from the Marina del Rey Design Control Board, and would be constructed so as to comply with the Marina del Rey LCP height, density, and view corridor requirements. The allowable height for Parcel 21, designated marine commercial on a mole road, is 45 feet. Per the LUP, a maximum height of 75 is permitted when a 40 percent view corridor is provided. The effective height of the project on this site would be 56 feet, and would provide the required view corridor. Notwithstanding, the building to be developed on Parcel 21 would represent an increase in height and massing from the current condition on this segment of the Panay Way mole road and the proposed increase in building mass and height on Parcel 21 is conservatively considered to be a potentially significant and unavoidable visual quality impact.

***Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts Project******Potential Impact (Cumulative)***

Implementation of the development envisioned under Marina del Rey Phase II would result in the gradual alteration of the visual character of the project area, especially as parcels are redeveloped with larger and taller structures (greater massing). The project and related projects are subject to the Marina del Rey LCP policies and approval by the Marina del Rey Design Control Board. Notwithstanding, the buildings to be developed on Parcel OT and Parcel 21 would incrementally contribute to the intensification of development occurring in Marina del Rey. Therefore, the proposed project could have a significant and unavoidable contribution to a cumulative impact on visual quality.

***Finding***

Implementation of measures identified in this section, conditions of approval, and design features incorporated into the project and related projects will reduce the cumulative impact to visual quality. However, a residual significant

cumulative adverse impact to visual qualities will occur due to the increase in project and related project building heights and massing within the Marina.

***Facts***

Cumulative visual impacts are discussed in Section IV.G of the DEIR on pages 19 and 21.

The proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects and related projects must comply with the Marina del Rey LCP policies and be approved by the Marina del Rey Design Control Board. However, the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects would incrementally contribute to the intensification of development occurring in Marina del Rey. Therefore, the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects are conservatively considered to have a significant and unavoidable contribution to a cumulative impact on visual quality associated with the increase in building height and massing on both project sites.

The above finding is made in conjunction with a Statement of Overriding Considerations, which is simultaneously being adopted for the project (see Section 6).

**(2) Noise**

***Parcel OT Project***

***Potential Impact***

During project operation noise experienced at individual private outdoor balconies proposed for the seniors accommodations facility on Parcel OT, the project would exceed the established noise standard and, therefore, a significant and unavoidable impact could occur.

***Finding***

Compliance with local noise ordinances and implementation of measures identified in this section, conditions of approval, and design features incorporated into the project and related projects will reduce the noise impacts to the project. However, a residual significant cumulative adverse impact from noise impacts will occur due to noise levels anticipated to occur on individual balconies of the units.

### ***Facts***

Exterior recreational use noise impacts are discussed in on pages 13 and 17 in Section IV.B on of the DEIR. Individual balconies facing Washington Blvd. or Admiralty Way would have outside noise levels exceeding the 65 dB CNEL goal for usable outdoor space. No feasible mitigation exists to reduce this impact to less than significant, as a six-foot wall composed of a combination of a solid base and 3/8-inch glass would be required to reduce the noise exposure to below 65 dB CNEL. Although the interior terrace, rear spa and terraces would provide substantial outdoor recreational space with noise levels well within the 65 dB CNEL goal, noise in excess of this standard on individual balconies on the proposed Parcel OT project would be conservatively considered a significant and unavoidable impact.

The above finding is made in conjunction with a Statement of Overriding Considerations, which is simultaneously being adopted for the project (see Section 6).

### **(3) Cumulative Traffic**

#### ***Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts Project***

##### ***Potential Impact***

Traffic generated by the Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects and the related projects have the potential to add congestion to area streets and regional transportation facilities. The proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects' incremental contribution to the cumulative impacts at the intersections of Lincoln Boulevard at Washington Boulevard, Lincoln Boulevard at SR-90, Lincoln Boulevard at Bali Way, Lincoln Boulevard at Mindanao Way, and Lincoln Boulevard at Fiji Way could be significant and unavoidable.

##### ***Finding***

The proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects' incremental contribution to the cumulative impacts at the intersections of Lincoln Boulevard at Washington Boulevard, Lincoln Boulevard at SR-90, Lincoln Boulevard at Bali Way, Lincoln Boulevard at Mindanao Way, and Lincoln Boulevard at Fiji Way remain significant and unmitigable as no feasible mitigation currently exists.

### ***Facts***

Cumulative traffic impacts are discussed on pages 33 to 45 and in Section IV.H of the DEIR and pages 33 to 47 in Section IV.H of the FEIR. The Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects would contribute incrementally to the cumulative impacts expected to occur at five intersections, including Lincoln Boulevard at Washington Boulevard, Lincoln Boulevard at SR-90, Lincoln Boulevard at Bali Way, Lincoln Boulevard at Mindanao Way, and Lincoln Boulevard at Fiji Way. For these intersections, there is currently no feasible physical improvement available to mitigate the Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects' contribution to these cumulative impacts. The Marina del Rey Local Implementation Program (LIP) list of Category 3 improvements includes several regional transportation circulation improvements, one of which is the proposed extension of SR-90 (the Marina Expressway) to connect to Admiralty Way. According to the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Traffic and Lighting Division, the five intersections listed above will be subject to cumulative impacts until the SR-90 extension or another project of equal effectiveness is built. At this point, the SR-90 extension is not a programmed project. Therefore, this cumulative analysis conservatively assumes that the SR-90 extension will not be constructed before the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects are operational. As such, the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects' incremental contribution to the cumulative impacts at these intersections would be significant and unmitigable.

The above finding is made in conjunction with a Statement of Overriding Considerations, which is simultaneously being adopted for the project (see Section 6). The following measure would reduce the identified impacts:

TA-2 Pursuant to the Marina del Rey Specific Plan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the applicant shall provide a "fair share" contribution toward the funding of Category 1 (local Marina) and Category 3 (regional) roadway improvements, based on the amount of project PM peak hour trips. [As the County's traffic mitigation fee structure is currently \$5,690 per PM peak hour trip, the Applicant shall be required to pay \$170,700 in trip mitigation fees, based on the expected trip generation of 30 net new PM peak hour trips for

both Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects, with a portion of these fees being designated toward the Category 3 (regional) transportation improvements].

### SECTION 3

#### GROWTH INDUCING IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT

##### ***Potential Effect***

Development of the Project has the potential to induce growth by fostering economic or population growth or construction of additional housing either directly or indirectly.

##### ***Finding***

The proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects do not meet a growth-inducing criterion specified under State CEQA Guidelines (Section 15126.2(d)), and, therefore, the proposed project is not considered to be growth inducing.

##### ***Facts***

Growth inducing impacts are discussed in Section VII of the DEIR. The following facts support the above finding:

##### **(1) Removal of an Impediment to Growth**

Generally, growth in an area may result from the removal of physical impediments or other restrictions to growth. Due to the project's location in an urbanized area, a network of electricity, water, sewer, storm water, communication, roads and other supporting infrastructure is already in place. Improvements to the electrical and sewer line infrastructure on Parcel OT as well as upgrading the inadequate off-site water main in Panay Way for Parcel 21 are necessary to meet project demands are included as a part of the proposed project for the respective sites. No new service lines (e.g., storm drain, electricity, telephone, roadways, etc.) other than those required to serve the proposed uses on Parcel OT and Parcel 21 are to be constructed. Therefore, the Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects would not induce growth through introduction or expansion of infrastructure.

Infrastructure improvements planned for the Marina del Rey area, including the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Oxford Retention Basin Flood Protection Multiuse Enhancement Project, the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering Venice Pumping Plant Dual Force Main Sewer Project, and the City of Los Angeles

Department of Public Works Waterworks District plans to upsize the water main on Parcel OT from 14 inches to 24 inches, are not a direct result of the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects and would occur in response to general cumulative growth with or without project development.

The addition of an Active Seniors Accommodations Land Use Category to the Marina del Rey LCP could result in the re-designation of other parcels to the new land use category. However, the number and location of parcels that may be re-designated cannot be determined. In addition, given the overall developmental constraints imposed by the land use plan (e.g., trip limits), it is assumed that the re-designation of parcels would not increase the total development or population level but rather could cause an increase in the relative proportion of senior citizens in Marina del Rey.

## **(2) Urbanization of Land in Remote Locations**

The Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects would consist of the redevelopment of two improved properties that are situated in an existing developed urban community. As a result, the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects will not “leapfrog” over any undeveloped area or introduce development into a previously undeveloped area.

## **(3) Economic Growth**

The proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects would not cumulatively exceed official regional or local population projections, nor would it induce substantial direct or indirect growth in the area. Accordingly, the Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects are not considered growth inducing.

## **(4) Precedent Setting Action**

The Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects require a number of discretionary actions on the part of the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, and the Regional Planning Commission. One such action is the addition of an Active Seniors Accommodations Land Use Category to the Marina del Rey LCP. The approval of this project and adoption of the

new land use category would not necessarily mean that development approvals in the area will increase or that projects would request re-designation to the new land use category. The Active Seniors Accommodations represents a unique and specific use type; further, independent determinations must be made for each project. Thus, the Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects are not considered growth inducing under this criterion.



## SECTION 4

### FINDINGS REGARDING ALTERNATIVES

Several alternatives to the proposed Parcel OT and Parcel 21 projects described in the DEIR were analyzed and considered. The alternatives discussed in the DEIR constitute a reasonable range of alternatives necessary to permit a reasoned choice. The DEIR concluded that the “No Project” Alternative was the environmentally superior alternative. However, as specified in the *State CEQA Guidelines* (Section 15126.6(e)(2)) if the No Project Alternative is the environmentally superior alternative, the EIR shall also identify an environmentally superior alternative among the other alternatives. Of the alternatives considered, Alternative 3, the “Alternative Land Use” alternative was considered the environmentally superior alternative. However, the alternatives analyzed in the DEIR are rejected as infeasible for the specific economic, legal, social, technological or other considerations set forth below. In addition to the alternatives analyzed in the DEIR, additional alternatives were suggested during the public comment period. These suggestions are addressed in the responses to comments in FEIR.

#### **Alternatives Considered But Not Evaluated**

The County Department of Regional Planning, as lead agency, considered a number of potential alternatives that the Department rejected as infeasible and therefore did not analyze in the EIR. The rejected potential alternatives included alternative sites, a reduced scale alternative, and a transfer of alternative development potential alternative. The Commission rejects these potential alternatives as infeasible for the reasons set forth on Pages V-3 and V-4 of the Draft EIR.

#### **Alternative 1 - No Project Alternative**

##### ***Description of Alternative***

The No Project Alternative assumes the continuation of existing conditions at the project sites, although renovation/redevelopment of existing facilities may occur.

##### ***Comparison of Effects***

Parcel OT is designated for parking in the Marina del Rey LCP and it would remain so under this alternative. Nonetheless, the site could be redeveloped pursuant to the conditions of Phase II development of the Marina del Rey LCP. In such case, Parcel OT could be redeveloped into a parking structure that is 90 feet in height (taller than the proposed retirement facility) pursuant to existing regulations. With respect to Parcel 21, as one of the current Marina del Rey redevelopment projects includes the development of an administrative building on Parcel 20 Phase II/Parcel 19 for the L.A. County Department of Beaches and Harbors, this remaining development potential would be transferred elsewhere (to another parcel in the Panay DZ #4 or to another DZ), if an alternate site is not selected for the County's administrative building.

### ***Finding***

The "No Project" alternative is rejected as infeasible because it fails to meet any of the objectives identified in the DEIR, would not provide any of the project benefits as set forth herein.

### ***Facts***

The No Project Alternative, if Parcels OT and 21 remain in their existing condition, would avoid all potential impacts of the proposed project related to geotechnical hazards, noise, water quality, air quality, biota, cultural resources, visual qualities, traffic/access, utilities, environmental safety, land use, and global climate change. If the parcels are redeveloped, construction-related impacts in each of these issue areas may occur. Under this alternative, development permitted under the LCP may occur elsewhere in the LCP area. However, the specific location and type of development that could occur cannot be known at this time and therefore the impacts of this development cannot be assessed.

The No Project Alternative would not provide any of the benefits that would occur under the project associated with the proposed mixed-use retail and seniors accommodations facility, whereas senior housing is encouraged as part of Phase II development; the park plaza and promenade, which would provide direct views of the marina, as well as, direct public access to the waterfront on Parcel 21; the updated parking and marine commercial facilities; the

improved landscaped pedestrian access way between Admiralty Way and Washington Boulevard along the eastern boundary of Parcel OT with viewing opportunities of the lagoon to the west; the preservation of public parking in Marina del Rey in a more appropriate location for the demand (including transferring parking spaces from Parcel OT to Parcel 21); or the improved parking access to the Mother's Beach Activity Area.

**Alternative 2 – No Change in Type of Land Use Development Potential in the Marina del Rey LCP**

***Description of Alternative***

This alternative would re-designate Parcel OT for hotel uses in the LCP and allows for the requested transfer of permitted land uses (development potential) within the Marina del Rey LCP area. The hotel considered for Parcel OT under this alternative would be structurally and aesthetically similar to the active seniors accommodations proposed with the project, and no changes would occur to the development on Parcel 21.

***Comparison of Effects***

Alternative 2 would result in similar impacts to the proposed project associated with geotechnical hazards, water quality, air quality (though slightly greater due to traffic trips), biota, cultural resources, visual qualities, utilities, and environmental safety. Impacts related to demolition, grading, and construction and operational activities necessary for development of the proposed project would be similar under Alternative 2. The hotel would have a lesser impact with respect to noise as it would not include balconies or permanent residential units; therefore, the proposed project's significant and unavoidable noise impact would be avoided under this alternative. Hotel uses on Parcel OT would generate substantially more traffic trips and concomitant emissions and, thus, would have greater impacts than the proposed project. This would have a greater impact with respect to traffic and would contribute to a greater portion of the significant cumulative traffic congestion impact than the proposed project. This alternative would have a lesser impact with respect to land use as it would not necessitate the

creation of a new land use category nor would it necessitate a Mixed Use Overlay Zone (MUZ) for Parcel OT.

### ***Finding***

This alternative is rejected as infeasible because it fails to meet any of the objectives identified for Parcel OT in the DEIR and it would not provide any of the associated public benefits on that property. It is also rejected on environmental grounds as it would generate substantially more traffic trips and, thus, would have a greater cumulative traffic impact than proposed project's significant and unavoidable impact.

### ***Facts***

The environmental effects of Alternative 2 would be greater with respect to traffic; therefore, it would represent an increase over the proposed project's significant and unavoidable cumulative traffic impact. The proposed project's significant and unavoidable noise impact would be avoided under this alternative. Other impacts would be similar to or less than (e.g., land use) the proposed project.

This alternative would not provide any of the benefits that would occur under the project associated with the mixed-use retail and seniors accommodations facility, whereas senior housing is encouraged as part of Phase II development, or an improved landscaped pedestrian access way between Admiralty Way and Washington Boulevard along the eastern boundary of Parcel OT with viewing opportunities of the lagoon to the west.

### **Alternative 3: Alternative Land Use – Public Park on Parcel OT and Boat Storage on Parcel 21**

#### ***Description of Alternative***

This alternative would develop a public park on Parcel OT and a boat storage facility on Parcel 21.

#### ***Comparison of Effects***

This alternative would result in lesser impacts as compared to the proposed project with respect to air quality, traffic/access, global climate change (fewer average daily trips than the proposed project), land use (fewer discretionary actions for Parcel OT), biota (by providing a park with landscaping adjacent to the Marina Lagoon rather than the active seniors accommodations), geotechnical hazards (no residential population would be generated), utilities (no relocation of the County water line on Parcel OT would not be necessary), noise (this alternative would expose park visitors to outdoor noise, but not permanent residents), cultural resources (no subterranean parking on Parcel OT), and environmental safety (not developing active seniors accommodations facility within a methane buffer zone). Compared to the project, impacts associated with construction duration (e.g., traffic, noise, air quality) would also be reduced under this alternative. The park proposed for Parcel OT may potentially provide wildlife habitat, which would be a beneficial result of this alternative.

Alternative 3 would have lesser impacts with respect to height and massing as the proposed facility would not be constructed on Parcel OT. Though visual impacts at the site would be reduced, the visual impacts associated with dry boat storage on Parcel 21 cannot be ascertained, as the building height has not been determined. Thus, the significant visual impact of the proposed project on Parcel 21 may also apply to this alternative. It cannot be definitively stated that this alternative would avoid the proposed project's significant and unavoidable visual qualities impacts. The park and storage uses under this alternative would generate notably fewer peak hour traffic trips than the proposed project; thus, the contribution to cumulative traffic impacts would be less than that of the proposed project. Additionally, this alternative would avoid the significant and unmitigable noise impact of the proposed project involving the exposure of residents to outdoor noise levels in excess of the noise standards for outdoor usable space, which also avoids the associated land use compatibility issue.

### ***Finding***

This alternative is rejected as infeasible because it fails to meet the primary objectives identified for Parcel OT in the DEIR, does not provide the project's benefits in terms of the

provision of mixed-use retail and seniors accommodations, and because it is economically infeasible for the Applicant.

### ***Facts***

The visual impacts associated with the proposed project for Parcel 21 cannot be definitively stated and this alternative may not avoid the proposed project's significant and unavoidable visual qualities impacts. This alternative would not necessarily avoid the project's significant and unavoidable impacts related to cumulative traffic as it would still add cumulative traffic impacts to the project area; although fewer than the proposed project. The proposed project's significant and unavoidable noise impact would be avoided under this alternative. Other impacts would be similar to or less than the proposed project.

This alternative would not provide the benefits that would occur under the project associated with the mixed-use retail and seniors accommodations facility on Parcel OT, whereas senior housing is encouraged as part of Phase II development; nor would it provide the public benefit on Parcel 21 of a park plaza and promenade, which would provide direct views of the marina, as well as, direct public access to the waterfront from Parcel 21.

### **Alternative 4: Reduced Height Alternative**

#### ***Description of Alternative***

This alternative would include development of a 50-unit retirement facility, retail uses, and parking on Parcel OT and marine commercial uses and parking on Parcel 21. The retirement facility would reach a maximum height of 47 feet and seven inches on Admiralty Way and 55 feet on Washington Boulevard. The retirement facility proposed for Parcel OT under this alternative is expected to be approximately 20 feet shorter in height than the structure of the proposed project, but structurally and aesthetically similar, and no changes would occur to the development on Parcel 21 with this alternative.

### ***Comparison of Effects***

The retirement facility proposed for Parcel OT under this alternative is expected to be approximately 20 feet shorter in height than the structure of the proposed Parcel OT project, but structurally and aesthetically similar and, as such, would result in similar impacts associated with geotechnical hazards, water quality, air quality, biota, cultural resources, utilities, and environmental safety as the proposed Parcel OT project. The construction period may occur over a shorter duration due to the reduced height of the senior facility; in such case, impacts associated with construction duration (e.g., noise, air quality) would be reduced on Parcel OT. However, the environmental effects of Alternative 4 would have lesser impacts related to visual qualities, traffic, and global climate change as it would construct a smaller retirement facility on Parcel OT than that of the proposed project. Under Alternative 4, visual impacts related to shading, height, and massing of the retirement facility on Parcel OT would be less than under the project. Though visual impacts at the site would be reduced, it is likely that the project's cumulative impact would still occur with the combined development of Parcel 21. A significant and unavoidable impact related to individual balconies facing Washington Blvd. or Admiralty Way on Parcel OT is anticipated to occur under this alternative; however, the noise impact would affect a smaller population, as the senior facility would be reduced by 64 units with this alternative.

### ***Finding***

This alternative is rejected because it would not meet the objectives identified for Parcel OT in the DEIR to the extent that the project would.

### ***Facts***

While certain impacts would be reduced under this alternative, none of the significant and unavoidable impacts of the proposed projects would be wholly avoided. This alternative would reduce but not avoid the proposed Parcel 21 project's significant and unavoidable visual qualities impacts. This alternative would not necessarily avoid the project's significant and unavoidable impacts related to cumulative traffic as it would still add cumulative traffic impacts

to the project area; although fewer than the proposed project. The proposed Parcel OT project's significant and unavoidable noise impact would be reduced but not avoided under this alternative. Other impacts would be similar to or less than the proposed projects.

### **Alternative 5: No Lease Parcel Boundary Adjustment Alternative**

#### ***Description of Alternative***

This alternative would develop the retirement facility, retail uses, and parking within the existing limits of Parcel OT. The retirement facility proposed for Parcel OT under this alternative is expected to be approximately 20 feet taller in height than the structure of the proposed project, but structurally and aesthetically similar, and no changes would occur to the development on Parcel 21 with this alternative.

#### ***Comparison of Effects***

Alternative 5 would result in similar impacts associated with geotechnical hazards, water quality, air quality, cultural resources, utilities, and environmental safety as the proposed projects. This alternative would result in lesser impacts as compared to the proposed project with respect to biota on Parcel OT (additional landscape 35-foot buffer. It would not require an adjustment to the lease parcel boundary between Parcels OT and P or land use re-designation of the portion of Parcel P. This alternative would have similar overall impacts related to demolition, grading, and operational activities necessary for development of the proposed project; however, certain construction impacts would differ on Parcel OT due to the increased height of the structure and the Applicant would not be required to extend the water line through Admiralty Way. Visually, the increased height of the retirement facility (approximately 88 to 95 feet) on Parcel OT under Alternative 5 would contribute to the significant and unavoidable cumulative visual qualities impact to a greater degree than the project. In addition, the increased height may create shadows for a longer duration on shade-sensitive land uses in the Parcel OT vicinity than with the proposed project and this impact would be greater.



### ***Finding***

This alternative is rejected as infeasible because it would not reduce or avoid the project's significant and unavoidable impacts related to operational noise on Parcel OT, cumulative traffic, or visual qualities on Parcel 21. It is also rejected on the grounds that it would increase significant and unavoidable cumulative impact related to visual qualities. Finally, this alternative does not acquire a valuable public asset in the pedestrian circulation in and around Marina del Rey, which is being incorporated partnered with an increase in land area devoted to public parking, which is what the area proposed to be used for the structure is developed with now.

### ***Facts***

The retirement facility proposed for Parcel OT under this alternative is expected to be approximately 20 feet taller in height than the structure of the proposed project, which would represent a substantially greater visual change related to height and massing. With this alternative, the approximately 88 to 95 feet facility would have greater site-specific impacts and would be out of scale with the adjacent uses to a greater extent than the project. Additionally, the taller structure would notably increase the building's visibility in Marina del Rey and shading impacts would be increased in comparison to the project. Because the total square footage and type of use that would occur on Parcel OT would be the same as for the project, it would not avoid the significant and unavoidable impacts related to operational noise on Parcel OT, cumulative traffic, or visual qualities on Parcel 21. Other impacts would be similar to or less than the proposed project.

### **Alternative 6: No Retail Use on Parcel OT Alternative**

#### ***Description of Alternative***

This alternative would include development of a 114-unit retirement facility and parking on Parcel OT and marine commercial uses and parking on Parcel 21. No retail spaces would be provided on Parcel OT. The developments included in this alternative on Parcel OT and Parcel

21 would be similar to the proposed project; however, the Parcel OT project would not include 3,500 s.f. of retail space. The retail space would instead be dedicated to providing additional space for amenities for the project's residents. The proposed development on Parcel 21 under this alternative would remain the same as that proposed with the project. It should be noted that a reduction in the amount of retail space from 5,000 square feet to 3,500 square feet was made to the proposed Parcel OT project to accommodate for additional parking; thus, a variation of this alternative has been considered via the proposed project.

### ***Comparison of Effects***

Alternative 6 would result in similar impacts associated with geotechnical hazards, water quality, air quality, biota, cultural resources, utilities, and environmental safety as the proposed project. Land use impacts would be slightly less under this alternative, as it would not require the transfer of development potential for retail space from the Palawan/Beach DZ #5 to the Oxford DZ #6 for the Parcel OT project. Impacts related to demolition, grading, and construction and operational activities necessary for development of the proposed project would be similar under Alternative 6. The project's traffic impacts and its contribution to cumulative traffic impacts would be lesser under Alternative 6 as Parcel OT would generate 222 fewer daily trips than the proposed project. The proposed project's significant and unavoidable visual impact associated with redevelopment of Parcel 21 would be the same under this alternative as with the proposed project, as would the project's contribution to cumulative visual quality impacts associated with Marina del Rey Phase II development. With this alternative, the significant and avoidable operational noise impacts on Parcel OT would be similar to the project.

### ***Finding***

This alternative is rejected as infeasible because it would not reduce or avoid the project's significant and unavoidable impacts related to operational noise on Parcel OT or visual qualities (cumulative and on Parcel 21). It is also rejected as it would not meet the

project's objectives related to creating a mixed-use development or the provision of retail uses on Parcel OT.

***Facts***

Because the total square footage and number of residential units that would occur on Parcel OT would be the same as the project, it would not avoid the significant and unavoidable impacts related to operational noise on Parcel OT or visual qualities on Parcel 21. Other impacts would be similar to or less than the proposed project.

**SECTION 5**  
**FINDINGS REGARDING MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM**

Section 21081.6 of the Public Resources Code requires that when a public agency is making the findings required by State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091(a)(1), codified as Section 21081(a) of the Public Resources Code, the public agency shall adopt a reporting or monitoring program for the changes to the project which it has adopted or made a condition of approval, in order to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment.

The County hereby finds that the Mitigation Monitoring Program, which is attached as Exhibit A to these Findings and incorporated in the Project's Coastal Development Permit, meets the requirements of Section 21081.6 of the Public Resources Code by providing for the implementation and monitoring of Project conditions intended to mitigate potential environmental effects.

## SECTION 6

### STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS

The FEIR identified and discussed significant effects that will occur as a result of the Project. With the implementation of the mitigation measures discussed in the FEIR, these effects can be mitigated to levels of insignificance except for unavoidable significant project impacts on operational noise on Parcel OT, the unavoidable significant cumulative impacts on traffic, the unavoidable significant impacts on visual qualities for Parcel 21, and the unavoidable significant cumulative impacts on visual qualities, as identified in Section 2 of these findings.

Having reduced the significant adverse environmental effects of the proposed project by approving the project and adopting the conditions of approval and the mitigation measures identified in the FEIR, and having balanced the benefits of the project against the project's potential unavoidable significant adverse impacts, the Commission hereby determines that the benefits of the project outweigh the potential unavoidable significant adverse impacts, and that the unavoidable significant adverse impacts are nonetheless acceptable, based on the following overriding considerations:

- (1) The Project will increase coastal senior accommodations opportunities that meet projected needs in Marina del Rey as called for in the Marina del Rey Specific Plan.
- (2) The Project will provide public benefits to include: a park plaza and promenade, which would provide direct views of the marina, direct public access to the waterfront on Parcel 21, , at no expense to the County; an improved landscaped pedestrian access way between Admiralty Way and Washington Boulevard along the eastern boundary of Parcel OT with viewing opportunities of the lagoon to the west; such public benefits are encouraged in Marina del Rey.
- (3) The Project will provide updated parking and marine commercial facilities, which is consistent with goals and policies for Marina del Rey.

- (4) The Project will preserve public parking in Marina del Rey in a more appropriate location for the demand (including transferring parking spaces from Parcel OT to Parcel 21) and improve parking access to the Mother's Beach Activity Area.
- (5) During the construction of the Project, construction related employment would be created. Permanent employment will also be created by the senior facility and retail uses.
- (6) The Project will result in increased revenues in the form of additional ground rents for the County as the underlying landowner of the property and lessor of the property to the Applicant.

## **SECTION 7**

### **SECTION 15091 AND 15092 FINDINGS**

Based on the foregoing findings and the information contained in the record, the Commission has made one or more of the following findings with respect to each of the significant adverse effects of the Project:

- a. Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project that mitigate or avoid many of the significant environmental effects identified in the FEIR.
- b. Some changes or alterations are within the responsibility and jurisdiction of another public agency and such changes have been adopted by such other agency, or can and should be adopted by such other agency.
- c. Specific economic, legal, social, technological or other considerations make infeasible the mitigation measures or alternatives identified in the FEIR.

Based on the foregoing findings and the information contained in the record, and as conditioned by the foregoing:

- a. All significant effects on the environment due to the project have been eliminated or substantially lessened where feasible.
- b. Any remaining significant effects on the environment found to be unavoidable are acceptable due to the overriding considerations set forth in the foregoing Statement of Overriding Considerations.

**SECTION 8**  
**SECTION 21082.1(c)(3) FINDINGS**

Pursuant to Public Resource Code § 21082.1(c)(3), the Commission hereby finds that the FEIR reflects the independent judgment of the lead agency.

**SECTION 9**  
**CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS**

The custodian of the documents or other material which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the Regional Planning Commission's decision is based is the County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning located at 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

**SECTION 10**  
**DE MINIMUS IMPACT ON FISH AND WILDLIFE**

The EIR evaluated the project's potential for adverse environmental impacts. When considering the record as a whole, there is no evidence before the Regional Planning Commission that the project will have a potential for an adverse effect on wildlife resources or the habitat upon which wildlife depends. Based on the record of proceedings, the presumption of adverse effect set forth in 14 California Code of Regulations, Section 753.5(d), does not apply in this case. Therefore, the Regional Planning Commission finds that the Project would be de minimis in its impact on fish and wildlife.

**SECTION 11**  
**RELATIONSHIP OF FINDINGS TO EIR**

These findings are based on the most current information available. Accordingly, to the extent there are any apparent conflicts or inconsistencies between the DEIR and the FEIR, on



the one hand, and these findings, on the other, these findings shall control, and the DEIR, FEIR, or both, as the case may be, are hereby amended as set forth in these findings.



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**SUBJECT: Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts. Project Nos. R2006-01510, R2006-02726 (Item Nos. 6 and 7)**

Items 6 and 7 on the April 7, 2010 agenda are the Oceana Retirement Facility on Parcel OT and the Holiday Harbor Courts project on Parcel 21 located in the unincorporated community of Marina del Rey. The project applicants are proposing, a 114-unit Senior Accommodations Facility, which includes 3,500 square feet of retail space and 92 public parking spaces on Parcel OT and a 29,348 square foot commercial complex, which includes a health club, yacht club and 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade on parcel 21. Public hearings on these projects were previously heard by your Commission on October 21, 2009, November 4, 2009 and December 16, 2009.

**October 21, 2009 Public Hearing**

On October 21, 2009, your commission conducted a public hearing on the above-mentioned projects (Project). At that hearing, your commission heard the staff presentation and testimony from the project applicants and interested members of the public. Commissioners Bellamy, Rew, Valadez, Modugno and Helsley were present at the hearing.

Your commission continued the hearing to February 10, 2009 and directed staff and the project applicants to prepare responses to the issues raised during the hearing.

Prior to the February 10, 2010 public hearing, a letter was received from the Department of Beaches and Harbors requesting that an earlier hearing date be considered. You Commission considered the letter as a discussion item at the November 4, 2009 hearing and voted unanimously to change the continued hearing date to December 16, 2009.

Commissioners Bellamy, Rew, Valadez and Helsley were present. Commissioner Modugno was absent.

### **December 16, 2009 Hearing**

A continued public hearing on the above-mentioned projects was held before the Regional Planning Commission on December 16, 2009. At this hearing the Commission heard staff's presentation and additional testimony from the applicants and members of the public. During the hearing, Commissioner Valadez stated that the applicants had not adequately demonstrated how the stairways for the Parcel OT project (Item No. 6) would function to separate the senior facility use from the retail and public parking uses. Commissioner Valadez was concerned that there would be cross over use of the stairwells that would impact the safety of the seniors. In addition, Commissioner Valadez did not think the facility had provided enough parking. Regarding Parcel 21 (Item No. 7), Commissioner Valadez wanted to see more public amenities provided on the pedestrian promenade. At the conclusion of the hearing, the applicants were instructed to return to the Marina del Rey Design Control Board (DCB) for further review of Parcel 21's pedestrian promenade and to evaluate the way that the Parcel OT project's elevations interacted with pedestrians. The Commission then continued the hearing to April 7, 2010 and directed staff to prepare the Final Environmental Impact Report and complete the final findings and conditions of approval for the Commission's consideration. The applicants presented their revised projects to the Design Control Board on February 17, 2009. The projects were subsequently approved by the Design Control Board with conditions (**Attachment**).

### **Final Environment Impact Report**

The environmental consultant was not able to complete the Final Environmental Impact Report on time for the April 7<sup>th</sup> continued hearing. In order to have sufficient time to prepare the Final EIR, findings and conditions for your commission's consideration, staff is requesting that the hearing be continued to a date certain.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Regional Planning Commission continue the public hearing to a date certain.

**Suggested Motion: "I move that the Regional Planning Commission continue the public hearing to a date certain so that the Final Environmental Impact Report and associated documents may be completed"**

Attachment

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**DESIGN CONTROL BOARD REVIEW  
DCB #05-015-B**

**Santos H. Kreimann**  
Director

**Kerry Silverstrom**  
Chief Deputy

**PARCEL NAME:** Oceana Retirement Facility

**PARCEL NUMBER:** OT

**REQUEST:** Consideration of Washington Boulevard and Admiralty Way elevations and the interface with pedestrian and streetscape improvements

**ACTION:** Approved with revisions to plans

**CONDITIONS:** The project should include the following:

- 1) Increased planting areas and more programmed space on the Washington Boulevard elevation and pedestrian plaza. Planters shall be low enough for pedestrians to use for seating purposes;
- 2) The curved sidewalks around the drop-off area should be widened and paved surfaces for street sidewalks differentiated where they cross the drop-off drive lanes;
- 3) Demarcate the proposed new path of travel on the new public walkway alongside the Oxford Retention Basin;
- 4) Reduced planter height around drop-off zone, facing Admiralty Way;
- 5) Encouraged to plant Washingtonian palms along Washington Boulevard and Admiralty Way elevations due to their iconographic value in this location; and
- 6) Return to the DCB for post-entitlement review and approval.

**MEETING DATE:** February 17, 2010



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**DESIGN CONTROL BOARD REVIEW  
DCB #05-016-B**

**Santos H. Kreimann**  
Director

**Kerry Silverstrom**  
Chief Deputy

**PARCEL NAME:** Holiday Harbor Court

**PARCEL NUMBER:** 21

**REQUEST:** Consideration of promenade improvements

**ACTION:** Approved with revisions to plans

**CONDITIONS:** The project should include the following:

- 1) Extend paving around the community park out to the seawall;
- 2) Enhanced lighting plans on the promenade at key points;
- 3) Reconfigured seating areas with varied groupings around the park area;
- 4) Provide plants and planters that can absorb seasonal rain;
- 5) Punctuate the linearity of the promenade with at least five shade structures designed to occupy the 8'-wide space along the seawall that is outside of the 20'-wide fire lane. The upper portions of the promenade shading devices should be allowed to extend over the seawall;
- 6) Shading structures should make use of innovative, interesting designs that may be curvilinear or rectangular in shape;
- 7) Recommended box size for trees (e.g., sycamores) is 36" minimum and brown-trunk height for palm trees is 18'-20' minimum; and
- 8) Return to the DCB for post-entitlement review and approval.

**MEETING DATE:** February 17, 2010



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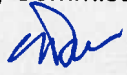


*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*

December 10, 2009

Jon Sanabria  
Acting Director of Planning

TO: Leslie G. Bellamy, Chair  
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Pat Modugno, Commissioner

FROM: Samuel Dea   
Section Head  
Special Projects Section

**SUBJECT: Additional responses to questions on the Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts. Project Nos. R2006-01510, R2006-02726 (Item Nos. 7 and 8) Hearing Date December 16, 2009**

A public hearing on the above-mentioned projects was held before the Regional Planning Commission on October 21, 2009. At that hearing, your commission instructed staff and the project applicant to address questions and issues that were raised by the public and the Commission. A response by County Staff and the project applicant was mailed to your commission on December 3, 2009. This memo is to further clarify the proposed parking requirements of the Oceana Retirement facility on Parcel OT.

The proposed parking for the retirement facility is based on a similar facility owned and operated by the project applicant (Palm Court) located in Culver City. Pages 41-43 of the Traffic Study found in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) provide further details on this facility (**Attachment 2**). Staff reviewed Culver City's current parking standards. The use most similar to the proposed use that was found in their code was a Senior Congregate Care Facility. Culver City requires one space per each two residential units, plus one space for each four units for guests and employees.

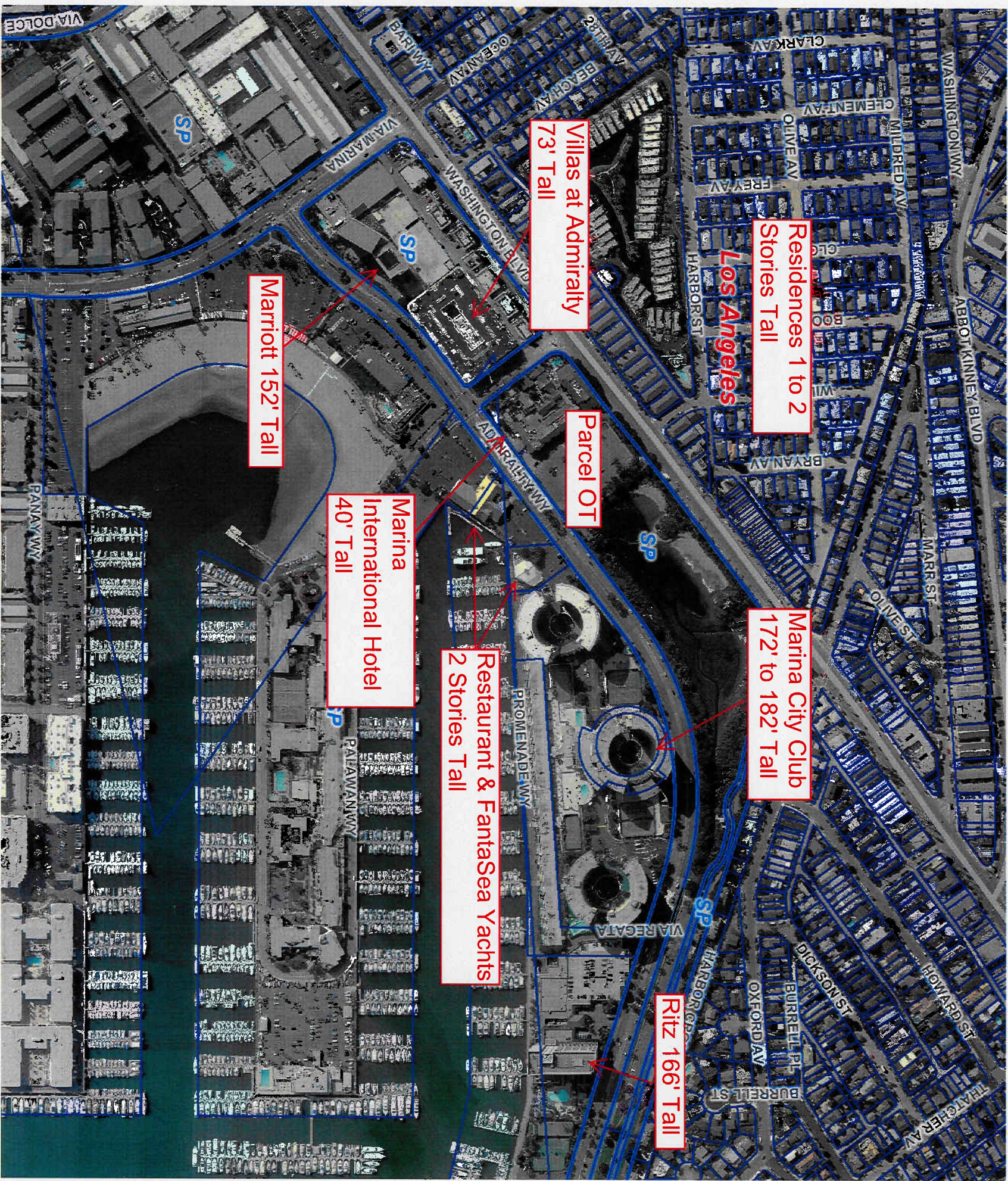
Attached to this memo, staff has also provided a map illustrating existing heights of structures surrounding Parcel OT and revised responses to questions that were prepared by the project applicant.

SZD:mrt

Attachments:

1. Map illustrating the heights of surrounding structures
2. Pages 41-43 of the Traffic Study found in the DEIR
3. Parking standards for Culver City
4. Revised responses to comments submitted by the project applicant





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# ATTACHMENT 2

## Project Parking

Parking for the proposed project will be available on both Parcel OT and Parcel 21. Parcel OT will provide a total of 157 spaces, including 116 spaces on an upper ground parking level and 41 spaces on a lower ground parking level. The upper ground parking level will provide 43 spaces for the congregate-care retirement facility. These resident parking spaces will be designated and gated in the structure. The lower ground parking level will provide 22 spaces for the retail use. Table 8(a) shows a summary of the number of parking spaces that will be provided on Parcel OT. In addition to providing parking for the proposed residential and retail uses on Parcel OT, the proposed project would involve the replacement of existing public parking spaces. Parcel OT is currently occupied by a 186-space public parking lot. This public lot will be removed in anticipation of the proposed development on this parcel. The project proposes to replace 92 of the 186 existing parking spaces on Parcel OT. These 92 spaces will be clearly marked with appropriate signage for easy access. The remaining 94 public spaces to be removed will be relocated to Parcel 21, which is located to the south of Parcel OT on Panay Way. Thus, all of the existing 186 spaces will be replaced and located on either of these parcels. It should be noted that while all of the existing 186 spaces may be used for occasional special events, Mothers Beach represents the only regular use for these spaces. The relocation of 94 spaces to Parcel 21 is expected to provide safer and more convenient parking for Mothers Beach as visitors will no longer have to cross two public streets, as is currently the case with the public parking on Parcel OT.

Parking for Parcel 21 will be available in an attached multi-level parking structure located on this parcel. The parking structure will have a total of approximately 447 spaces, including the 94 replacement parking spaces from Parcel OT, as noted previously. Table 8(b) summarizes the amount of parking that will be provided for each project land use on Parcel 21.



**Table 8(a)**  
**Project Parking Summary for Parcel OT**

Component/Size		Parking Ratio	Spaces Required	Spaces Provided
114 unit	Congregate-Care Retirement Facility	0.36 spaces per unit□	41	43
5 ksf	Retail	4 spaces per ksf	20	22
	Replacement Parking Spaces□□		<u>92</u>	<u>92</u>
	Total Spaces to be Provided		153	157

□ Parking rate based on parking demand observed at Palm Court, a retirement facility site located in Culver City, that is similar to the proposed congregate-care retirement facility.

□□

The existing 186-space public parking lot will be removed in anticipation of the project. Approximately 92 spaces will be replaced on Parcel OT and the remaining 94 spaces will be relocated to Parcel 21.

The parking requirement for the proposed project is based on the rates from the Los Angeles County parking code. For Parcel OT, the project will provide 22 spaces for the retail use, or 2 spaces above the code requirement. For the proposed congregate-care retirement facility, this component is unique since it will provide transportation services to residents via limousines that will dramatically reduce the need to own and park a vehicle. As a result, the proposed retirement facility is not expected to operate like a traditional congregate-care retirement facility. Since no rates are set in the parking code for retirement facilities that provide this type of transportation service, the parking rate was based on parking observations at a similar retirement facility site located in Culver City that provides transportation services to residents. The Culver City site has 98 units and provides 35 parking spaces. Observation shows that there is sufficient parking at the Culver City site. To be conservative, it was assumed that the parking rate would equal the number of spaces provided divided by the number of units at the Culver City facility, or 0.36 spaces per unit. Based on the parking rate of 0.36 spaces per unit, the proposed congregate-care retirement facility would require approximately 41 spaces. The project proposes to provide 43 spaces for the retirement facility, or a

**Table 8(b)**  
**Project Parking Summary for Parcel 21**

<b>Component/Size</b>			<b>Parking Ratio</b>	<b>Spaces Required</b>	<b>Spaces Provided</b>
<u>Replacement for Parcel 21</u>					
2,916	sf	Retail	4.0 spaces per ksf	12	12
3,132	sf	Marina Commercial Office	2.5 spaces per ksf	8	11
10,000	sf	Health Club Replacement	□	16	20
				<u>36</u>	<u>43</u>
<u>Replacement from Parcel 20</u>					
5,000	sf	Yacht Club	□□	106	106
2,300	sf	Marina Commercial Office	2.5 spaces per ksf	6	6
				<u>112</u>	<u>112</u>
<u>New Uses</u>					
6,000	sf	Marina Commercial Office	2.5 spaces per ksf	15	15
<u>Replacement Boaters Parking</u>					
94	Slips	From Parcel 21	0.75 spaces per boat slip	71	71
149	Slips	From Parcel 20	0.75 spaces per boat slip	112	112
				<u>183</u>	<u>183</u>
Replacement Parking from Parcel OT				<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>
<b>Total</b>				<b>440</b>	<b>447</b>

□ The 16 parking spaces that currently serve the existing 16,000 square feet health club will be replaced by 20 spaces for the reduced 10,000 square feet health club.

□□ The 106 parking spaces will serve as replacement spaces for the existing yacht club.

surplus of 2 parking spaces above the number of parking spaces required. Thus, sufficient parking will also be provided for the congregate-care retirement facility.

The amount of parking required for the Parcel 21 site is summarized in Table 8(b). This table shows that Parcel 21 will require a total of 163 spaces for the proposed uses, 183 spaces for the replacement of boater parking, and 94 replacement spaces from Parcel OT, for a total parking requirement of 440 spaces. As described previously, Parcel 21 will provide a total of approximately 447 on-site parking spaces. Thus, Parcel 21 will provide a surplus of approximately seven spaces above the number required.

Therefore, no parking spillover or parking-related impacts are expected.



# ATTACHMENT 3

## Culver City Parking Requirements

### § 17.320.020 - NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES REQUIRED.

Each use shall provide at least the minimum number of parking spaces required by this Section.

A. Parking Requirements by Land Use. Each land use shall be provided the number of parking spaces required by Table 3-3 (Parking Requirements by Land Use), except where a greater number of spaces are required through a Conditional Use Permit or other permit approval; or where parking requirements are adjusted in compliance with § 17.320.025 (Alternative Parking Provisions).

B. Basis for Calculations. In any case where Table 3-3 (Parking Requirements by Land Use) establishes a parking requirement based on the floor area of a use in a specified number of square feet (e.g., 1 space per 350 square feet), the floor area shall be construed to mean gross floor area. When calculating the number of parking spaces required, fractional spaces equal to or greater than one half shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

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#### H. Table 3-3. Parking Requirements by Land Use.

##### 1. Residential uses.

###### Table 3-3A

Land Use Type: Residential  
Vehicle Spaces Required

###### Accessory dwelling units

1 uncovered space in addition to that required for the primary dwelling unit(s).

###### Mobile home parks

1 space in conjunction with each mobile home site, plus 1 space for each 2 mobile home sites for guest parking, located as approved by the City.

###### Live/work unit

Up to 900 square feet: 2 spaces.

Greater than 900 up to 1500 square feet: 3 spaces.

Greater than 1500 square feet: 4 spaces.

Table continues on next page.

Land Use Type: Residential  
Vehicle Spaces Required

###### Multi-family dwellings and residential component of mixed-use development (1)

Studio and 1 bedroom, less than 900 square feet: 1 space.

Studio and 1 bedroom, greater than 900 square feet: 2 spaces.

2-3 bedroom units: 2 spaces.

4 bedroom units: 3 spaces.

1 space for every additional bedroom greater than 4.

Guest parking: 1 space for every 4 residential units.

**Residential care facilities**

1 space for each 3 patient beds.

**Senior citizen congregate care housing**

1 space per each 2 residential units, plus 1 space for each 4 units for guests and employees.

**Senior housing**

1 space per unit, plus 1 guest parking space for each 10 units.

**Single-family, duplex and triplex units (1)**

2 spaces per dwelling unit.

# ATTACHMENT 4



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December 10, 2009

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Attn: Mr. Michael Tripp

Subj: Responses to Comments – Marina Parcels OT/21

Dear Mr. Tripp:

Please find attached 1) responses to written comments received during the public review period for the Parcels OT/21 DEIR, as well as 2) a revised version of the response to comments received during testimonies provided in the October 21, 2009 Planning Commission hearing. The responses to comments received during the public testimonies have been updated from the prior version provided on November 24, 2009. The revised version attached herein provides responses where we had previously indicated that additional information would be provided at the December 16, 2009 Planning Commission hearing. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Travis Cullen  
Chief Operating Officer

Attachments: Responses to Written Public Comments  
Revised Responses to Comments Received During Public  
Testimony from the October 21, 2009 Planning Commission  
hearing

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**VIA FACSIMILE AND HAND DELIVERY**

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Re: Oceana Retirement Facility/Holiday Harbor Courts Project  
Los Angeles County Projects R2006-01510-(4)/R2006-02726 -(4)

Dear Mr. Tripp

We are writing on behalf of our client, FantaSea Yachts and Yacht Club, to provide comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Oceana Retirement Facility ("the Project") with respect to the replacement parking associated with the retirement residence component of the Project.

FantaSea Yachts is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year as a small family owned and operated enterprise (encompassing three generations) providing 20,000 visitors from throughout the County and beyond with high quality, affordable access to yachting in Marina del Rey. The company also takes particular pride in its ability to provide stable long term employment. More than half of its employees have been part of the FantaSea family for over a decade. The continued success of FantaSea's charter yacht business relies heavily on the visiting public - its customers - having convenient parking access adjacent to the launch area during peak operations, which consists primarily of week nights and weekends.

FantaSea does not have parking facilities of its own. The County and the California Coastal Commission established FantaSea's right to use public parking facilities adjacent to its operations in 1995 pursuant to a conditional use permit which protected the public's access to convenient parking when visiting the marina and FantaSea Yachts. In addition, the County inserted a term in its lease requiring the developer of the subject property to make parking facilities available to FantaSea. These parking facilities have been used continuously without interruption for the last 13 years. Specifically, FantaSea's customers have



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Re: Oceana Retirement Facility  
October 20, 2009  
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used Lot OT as the primary parking lot facilitating their ability to easily access and enjoy the visitor-serving, coastal dependent uses offered by FantaSea.

Lot OT currently has 183 parking spaces that the public, including FantaSea customers, have used over the years. The Project as proposed would develop Lot OT into a 114-unit retirement hotel with full service amenities along with 5000 square feet of retail space. With respect to parking, 92 spaces on-site at Lot OT are to be retained and an additional 94 spaces would be relocated to Parcel 21 on Panay Way. In addition to the 92 on-site spaces, the developer will provide 42 parking spaces for the 114 residential units and another 20 spaces for retail customers for a total of 154 parking spaces on-site and 94 relocated to Parcel 21.

We understand that the foregoing represents the Project developer's effort to ensure sufficient parking and access for Marina del Rey visitors including FantaSea customers. However, it must be noted that as a practical matter it is unlikely that the 42 on-site spaces allocated for the residential portion of the Project will be adequate for the parking needs of the residents. As previously noted the plan calls for 114 residential units. Almost half of these units have two bedrooms and could house two or more occupants per unit, many of whom will have cars and will require parking. In addition, there will be guests, visitors and family members requiring daytime, weekend and overnight parking. Roughly calculated, the 42 spaces account for about 1 parking space for every 4 people using or residing at the property. Accordingly, our client is concerned that the lack of adequate parking for the residential component, unless properly conditioned and enforced, may have an adverse impact on the availability of parking for visitors seeking to take advantage of the opportunity provided by FantaSea Yachts to recreate in the marina.

We appreciate that the County has historically manifested its support and worked to facilitate FantaSea's ability to operate its coastal dependant visitor serving business as part of the Marina del Rey community. More specifically, FantaSea and the hundreds of thousand of visitors that have passed through its doors have benefited from the County's creativity and other efforts to balance the myriad of competing interests in the Marina in a manner that produces maximum benefit to property owners, leaseholders and the public at large. Our client also acknowledges and fully appreciates the current efforts to address the parking concerns that have been identified above.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,  
Strategic Counsel LLC

  
Cynthia McClain-Hill

#### Response to Comment Letter No.1

With respect to the comments on the provision of adequate parking for use by the public, the project's occupants, patrons, and visitors, as well as for FantaSea Yachts and Yacht Club, the proposed project would replace all of the parking spaces that would be removed with project development. The project would provide 92 spaces on Parcel OT, which would be clearly marked with appropriate signage for easy access by the public, and 94 public spaces on Parcel 21, which is located to the south of Parcel OT on Panay Way. It should be noted that, in addition to the use of these spaces for Mother's Beach and special events, the FantaSea Yachts and Yacht Club retains a Coastal Development Permit for the non-exclusive right to use up to 92 public parking spaces on Parcel OT after 6:00 pm and on weekends and holidays. The parking requirement for the proposed project is based on the rates from the Los Angeles County parking code. For Parcel OT, the project would provide 20 spaces for the retail use, or two spaces above the code requirement.

Regarding the commenter's concern about the amount of parking provided for the proposed active seniors accommodations, this component is unique since it would provide transportation services to occupants via limousines that would dramatically reduce the need to own and park a vehicle. Since no rates are set in the parking code for active seniors accommodations that provide this type of transportation service, the parking rate of 0.36 space per unit used in the parking analysis for the proposed project was based on parking observations at a similar retirement facility site. Based on the parking rate of 0.36 spaces per unit, the proposed active seniors accommodations on Parcel OT would require approximately 41 spaces. The project proposes to provide 42 spaces for the active seniors accommodations, or a surplus of two parking spaces above the number of parking spaces required. Thus, sufficient parking would be provided for the active seniors accommodations.



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
*"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"*

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October 19, 2009

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SUBJECT: **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)**  
**Project No's: R2006-01510 and R2006-02726**  
**Oceana Retirements Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts**  
**Marina Del Rey Parcels OT and 21**  
**State Clearinghouse No. 2007021133**

The Department of Parks and Recreation has reviewed the Draft EIR for the above project for potential impacts on the facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department. We have determined that the proposed project will not affect facilities under the jurisdiction of this Department.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If we may be of further assistance, please contact me at (213) 351-5128 or [jyom@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:jyom@parks.lacounty.gov).

cc: Parks and Recreation (Norma E. Garcia, Larry Hensley, Joan Rupert)

**Response to Comment Letter No. 2**

The comment that the proposed project would not affect Los Angeles County parks and recreational facilities is acknowledged. As this comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR, no further response is necessary.

Mr. Michael Tripp  
Department of Regional Planning  
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320 West Temple Street  
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October 18, 2009

**Subject: Oceana Retirement Facility**  
**Draft EIR for projects R2006-01510-(4) & R2006-02726-(4)**

Dear Mr. Tripp:

The Board of Directors of the Del Rey Colony Homeowners Association wish to go on record in opposition to the retirement facility as proposed in the above referenced DEIR. Del Rey Colony is a gated community of 54 townhouses in the City of Los Angeles surrounding a private lagoon, fronting on Harbor Street from Wilson Ave. westerly for about 1,200 feet and extending southerly to the alley which parallels Washington Blvd. northerly by about 100 feet.

Located as we are, the proposed six story building on the south side of Washington Blvd. Extending from west of Wilson Ave. to east of that street will severely impact the visual quality and privacy now enjoyed by many of our owners. To make our position clear, we oppose only the impact of the height of the proposed building of sixty five feet above Washington Blvd., not the proposed facility as a whole.

From Lincoln Blvd. west to Clune Ave., a distance of two miles, an examination of both sides of Washington Blvd. discloses only one building of more than two stories: the International Hotel immediately adjacent to the proposed facility, which has a garage at street level and three stories above, somewhat set back from Washington Blvd.

Obviously the one story and two story buildings in this two mile stretch of Washington Blvd. and the bird sanctuary immediately adjacent to the proposed facility make the height of the proposed facility utterly incompatible with the small-scale residential and commercial land uses along this portion of Washington Blvd. The proposed six story building, if constructed, will most likely encourage other adjacent property to demand zoning changes to permit similar building heights in the city. In this manner a six story building at this location would tend to unravel existing zoning limitations in the city to the distinct disadvantage of the entire neighborhood.

The existing proposal is for a six story building adjacent to Washington Blvd. comprised of one level of parking at ground level, one level of parking above, and four levels of senior housing. If the developer is to provide two levels of parking they can be below ground, as has recently been accomplished at the adjacent corner of Admiralty and Palawan Way. Obviously other alternatives are available.

We therefore urge the Regional Planning Commission to reject the proposal now before it and to require the developer to amend its plan to be more compatible with the neighborhood by limiting the height of the building to no more than forty five feet above Washington Blvd.

Del Rey Colony Homeowners Association

By: Raylene Baron

Raylene Baron, President

cc: Councilman Bill Rosendahi

### Response to Comment Letter No. 3

The comments address the proposed building height on Parcel OT, which has frontage along Washington Boulevard. Under current conditions, single-story and multi-story structures that border area roadways in the immediate project vicinity including the Marina International Hotel, which is 40 feet in height, are of sufficient height to block or confine views to nearby foreground public roadway locations and nearby buildings, such that the water surfaces of the Marina are not visible from public roadways.

The EIR analysis identifies a less than significant project impact as it would not be out of character with the visual surroundings, which include several low and high-rise structures on Admiralty Way including the Marina International Hotel (40 feet in height, but with a Local Coastal Program (LCP) allowable height of 225 feet), as well as the Marina City Club (three round, high-rise residential structures of varying heights ranging from 172 to 182 feet), Ritz Carlton Hotel (166 feet in height), New Admiralty Apartments (61 feet with a maximum height of 73 feet, and the Marriott Marina Beach (152 feet). While the proposed project building would be substantially taller than the residences across the street (north/northwest/northeast) of Washington Boulevard, the project design remains consistent with the "bowl concept" identified in the local plans. The current allowable height on Parcel OT for the parking designation is 90 feet. Therefore, while the proposed project would be greater in height than the neighboring hotel, existing Marina del Rey LCP policies for Parcel OT would allow for a taller structure than that represented by the proposed Oceana Retirement Facility. The project would be consistent with the height limitations on the Parcel OT project site, and compatible with the surrounding land uses and bowl concept.

Implementation of proposed project would contribute to the gradual alteration of the existing visual character of the Marina del Rey, as larger and taller structures (greater massing) are becoming more common in the community. As such, when viewed cumulatively, impacts to visual quality within the Marina del Rey community could be considered significant, given the intensification of development that is occurring. The County will take this impact into consideration when making a decision on the project.

Regarding the comment that the project would encourage adjacent development to request zone changes to allow for increased building height. It should be noted that projects within Marina del Rey that request discretionary approvals must undergo the environmental review and decision-making process. Decisions to this effect must be approved by the appropriate agencies (e.g., the County) and would be subject to input from the public whose comments will be considered by such agencies.

No feasible mitigation is identified to reduce the visual impacts associated with height and massing of proposed development on Parcel OT as any such measure would require the proposed project to considerably alter the approved conceptual design concept. It should be noted that these residual impacts have been conservatively identified as such, because the proposed project has received conceptual approval from the Marina del Rey Design Control Board and complied with and exceeded the view corridor requirement for the proposed height.

With respect to the comment suggesting that the proposed project provide parking in two subterranean levels as opposed to one aboveground level and one subterranean level of parking, hazards associated with soil and groundwater conditions at Parcel OT would be

increased if excavation activities were to occur at a depth sufficient to provide for two subterranean levels. Temporary excavations of up to 14 feet in depth to accommodate the one subterranean level proposed would bottom near or below the groundwater level, which requires Project mitigation to include dewatering, if necessary. In terms of soil conditions, the liquefaction, subsidence, and lateral spreading, which also requires Project mitigation. Deeper excavations would require increased mitigation to offset these potential increased geotechnical hazards.

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FROM:

Shana Bonstin, City Planner  
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SUBJECT:

Proposed Developments in Marina Del Rey

The Los Angeles Department of City Planning recently reviewed several proposed developments for Marina Del Rey:

- Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts, which are currently undergoing the formal public review period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report.
- Boat Central
- Neptune Marina Apartments and Anchorage/Woodfin Suite Hotel and Timeshare Resort

We recognize that these projects will have an impact on the neighboring Venice community, and wish to ensure that quality, accessible public amenities are a part of the proposed developments, and that the extensive increase in development will provide benefit to Venice residents as well.

We acknowledge the inclusion of public amenities in several of the projects, including:

- Public park plaza and promenade at Holiday Harbor Courts
- Pedestrian promenade at Boat Central



- Restored public wetland and upland park project, waterfront pedestrian promenade, and public access to the ground floor uses of the Neptune Marina Apartments and Anchorage/Woodfin Suite Hotel and Timeshare Resort.

We appreciate these amenities, and want to ensure that residents of the surrounding communities are aware of them. Please ensure that final plans include designs that are pedestrian-friendly, easily publicly accessible, and well-advertised.

#### Response to Comment Letter No. 4

With respect to the Los Angeles Department of City Planning's comment on the public plaza and promenade proposed on Parcel 21, the project would direct public access to the waterfront (i.e. marina small craft water uses and Mother's Beach) as well as 5.5-foot wide sidewalk along the Panay Way Frontage. It should also be noted that the proposed development on Parcel OT would include an improved landscaped pedestrian access way between Admiralty Way and Washington Boulevard along the eastern boundary of the site and west of the lagoon. This would allow for better public access to the lagoon. With project implementation, open space in the Marina del Rey community would cumulatively increase and the proposed project would not adversely impact the supply of open space in the local area. It has not been determined that new additional exhibits or directional signs would be required as a result of the proposed project as the marina has necessary signs and outdoor exhibits and brochures to provide public awareness of the marinas access opportunities and coastal environment in place.

With respect to the Los Angeles Department of City Planning's comments on other development projects in Marina del Rey, the provision of public amenities is beyond the purview of the proposed project. It is anticipated that the referenced projects would be subject to environmental review and the provision of such amenities would be addressed by the appropriate Lead Agency.



Linda S. Adams  
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## Department of Toxic Substances Control

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October 12, 2009

Mr. Michael Tripp  
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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE  
OCEANA RETIREMENT FACILITY AND HOLIDAY HARBOR COURTS, SCH NO.  
2007021133

Dear Mr. Tripp:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received your Notice of Completion of draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project mentioned above.

Based on the review of the document, DTSC comments are as follows:

1. The draft EIR states the Project site (Site) has been identified as part of the former landfill area for the community of Venice and the development of the original Marina del Rey facilities. The draft EIR also states that the soil toxicity investigation conducted by Enviropro, Inc. at the Site show several soil samples had detectable levels of metals, volatile organic compounds, pesticides, and petroleum based compounds. The draft EIR should include the name of regulatory agency that provided oversight during the soil toxicity investigation. DTSC recommends additional environmental site investigation at the Site to evaluate whether conditions at the Site pose a threat to human health or the environment.
2. All environmental investigation and/or remediation should be conducted under a Work Plan which is approved by a regulatory agency who has jurisdiction to oversee hazardous waste cleanups. Proper investigation and remedial actions should be conducted at the Site prior to its development.
3. If during construction of the project, soil contamination is suspected, construction in the area should stop, and appropriate health and safety procedures should be implemented. If it is determined that contaminated soils exist, the draft EIR should identify how any required investigation and/or remediation will be conducted, and which government agency will provide regulatory oversight.

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DTSC provides guidance for Preliminary Endangerment Assessment preparation and cleanup oversight through the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). For additional information on the VCP please visit DTSC's web site at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov). If you would like to meet and discuss this matter further, please contact me at (818) 717-6550.

Sincerely,

  
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#### Response to Comment Letter No.5

With respect to regulatory oversight, Los Angeles County owns of the subject property. The County did not report of any known contamination. They reported that the site constitutes a building debris fill. The work was not performed under regulatory agency oversight since there was no such request or a known reason for such a request. The work was a due diligence initiated by the Applicant.

Enviropro, Inc. has performed all relevant tests for potential pollutants in soil. AS discussed in section IV.J, Environmental Safety, of the Draft EIR, the analytical results show that several samples had detectable levels of certain metals, volatile organic compounds, pesticides, and petroleum-based compounds considered as regulated contaminants, and the primary contaminants of concern included elevated levels of lead and copper. This result indicates that some of the soils would be classified as hazardous, if excavated. The implementation of Mitigation Measures ES-1 and ES-2 (see below) would reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level. As such, it was determined that further investigation is not necessary. The mitigation measures below also address the DTSC's comments.

**ES-1:** The applicant shall adhere to all applicable County, State, and Federal guidelines regarding the handling, excavation, disposal, and/or remediation of soils classified as hazardous waste, which may include, but not be limited to, the development and implementation of a Soil Management Work Plan (SMWP) for the project, as well as correspondence with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to determine the level of any necessary remediation efforts.

**ES-2:** In the event that previously unidentified waste or debris is discovered during construction/grading activities, and the waste or debris is believed to involve hazardous waste or materials, the contractor shall: immediately stop work in the vicinity of the suspected contaminant; remove workers and the public from the area; notify the resident inspector; secure the area as directed by the resident inspector; and notify the County of Los Angeles Hazardous Waste/Materials Coordinator and the Fire Department. Work in the affected area shall cease until the proper approval is granted by the appropriate governmental oversight agency and a work plan is implemented, if necessary.

It should be noted that lead is not volatile and the site will be almost completely covered by a building. Therefore, no future occupants or workers will be in contact or exposed to lead regardless of its concentration. The site will also have a methane mitigation system consisting of membrane and ventilation system. Therefore, the trace volatiles (that are below residential PRGs) will not be able to penetrate the structure.

October 6, 2009

TO: Dennis Hunter  
Land Development Division

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FROM: Gary Hildebrand  
Watershed Management Division

**OCEANA RETIREMENT FACILITY (PARCEL OT) – PROJECT NO. R2006-01510**  
**HOLIDAY HARBOR COURTS (PARCEL 21) – PROJECT NO. R2006-02726**

As requested, we have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report, and have the following comments to offer:

- The County of Los Angeles is planning to enhance Parcel P and envisions a separate public walking path that would encircle the Oxford Retention Basin. We recommend continued coordination between the Department of Public Works, the Department of Beaches and Harbors, and the developer to establish a setback and negotiate other project details.
- Table IV K-2 – Land Use Consistency describes a proposed pedestrian and bicycle access way between Admiralty Way and Washington Boulevard. Given the space constraints, we do not believe it is feasible to include a separate bicycle path between the proposed building and the Oxford Retention Basin. We believe our proposal for a walking path is consistent with the goals of the Marina's Local Coastal Plan. Programs Development and Traffic and Lighting Divisions should be consulted on this matter.
- We have no comment on the Holiday Harbor Courts project.

If you have any questions, please call Greg Jaquez at Extension 5923.

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cc: Programs Development  
Traffic and Lighting

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**Response to Comment Letter No.6**

With respect to continued coordination between the Applicant, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, and the County Department of Beaches and Harbors, the project design and implementation requires approval from both County Departments. Additionally, the Department of Beaches and Harbors serves as co-applicant for the proposed Project. As such, coordination between all parties has been occurring and would continue to occur throughout the environmental review process.

The project is revised to limit the accessway between Admiralty Way and Washington Boulevard to pedestrian uses and, thus, no bicycle access would be provided as part of the proposed development. The EIR will be revised to reflect this.



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# Metro

September 21, 2009

Mr. Michael Tripp  
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Dear Mr. Tripp:

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is in receipt of the Draft EIR for the Oceana Retirement Facility & Holiday Harbor Courts Project. This letter conveys recommendations concerning issues that are germane to Metro's statutory responsibilities in relation to the proposed project.

The Traffic Impact Analysis prepared for the Draft EIR satisfies the traffic and transit requirements of the proposed project. However, the following issue should be addressed for the Final EIR:

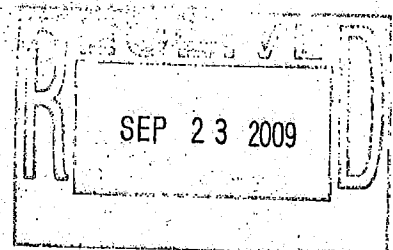
Several transit corridors with Metro bus service could be impacted by the project. Metro Bus Operations Control Special Events Coordinator should be contacted at 213-922-4632 regarding construction activities that may impact Metro bus lines. Other Municipal Bus Service Operators may also be impacted and therefore should be included in construction outreach efforts.

Metro looks forward to reviewing the Final EIR. If you have any questions regarding this response, please call me at 213-922-6908 or by email at [chapmans@metro.net](mailto:chapmans@metro.net). Please send the Final EIR to the following address:

Metro CEQA Review Coordination  
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Sincerely,

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Program Manager, Long Range Planning





**Response to Comment Letter No. 7**

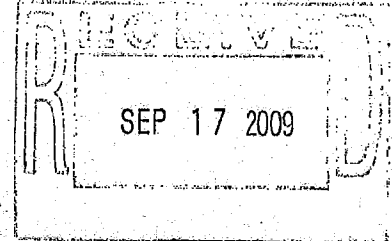
With respect to Metro bus service during construction, the Applicant shall contact the Metro Bus Operations Control Special Event Coordinator as well as other municipal transit providers with bus lines that may be affected by Project implementation.

## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

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September 15, 2009



Mr. Michael Tripp, Project Planner

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

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Re: SCH#2007021133: CEQA Notice of Completion: draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Court Project; located in the Marina Del Rey/ Ballona Creek Area; Los Angeles County, California

Dear Mr. Tripp:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) is the state 'trustee agency' pursuant to Public Resources Code §21070 for the protection and preservation of California's Native American Cultural Resources. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA - CA Public Resources Code §21000-21177, amended in 2009) requires that any project that causes a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource, that includes archaeological resources, is a 'significant effect' requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) per the California Code of Regulations §15064.5(b)(6)(f) CEQA guidelines. Section 15382 of the CEQA Guidelines defines a significant impact on the environment as "a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of physical conditions within an area affected by the proposed project, including ... objects of historic or aesthetic significance." In order to comply with this provision, the lead agency is required to assess whether the project will have an adverse impact on these resources within the 'area of potential effect (APE)', and if so, to mitigate that effect. To adequately assess the project-related impacts on historical resources, the Commission recommends the following.

The Native American Heritage Commission did perform a Sacred Lands File (SLF) search in the NAHC SLF Inventory, established by the Legislature pursuant to Public Resources Code §5097.94(a) and Native American cultural resources were not identified within one-half mile of the APEs. However, there are Native American cultural resources in close proximity to the APE. Early consultation with Native American tribes in your area is the best way to avoid unanticipated discoveries once a project is underway. Enclosed are the names of the nearest tribes and interested Native American individuals that the NAHC recommends as 'consulting parties' for this purpose, that may have knowledge of the religious and cultural significance of the historic properties in the project area (e.g. APE). We recommend that you contact persons on the attached list of Native American contacts. A Native American Tribe or Tribal Elder may be the only source of information about a cultural resource. Also, the NAHC recommends that a Native American Monitor or person be employed whenever a professional archaeologist is employed during the 'Initial Study' and in other phases of the environmental study. Furthermore we suggest that you contact the California Historic Resources Information System (CHRIS) at the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) Coordinator's office (at (916) 653-7278, for referral to the nearest OHP Information Center of which there are 11.

Consultation with tribes and interested Native American tribes and individuals, as consulting parties, on the NAHC list should be conducted in compliance with the requirements of federal NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321-43351) and Section 106 and 4(f) of federal NHPA (16 U.S.C. 470 (f) et seq), and NAGPRA (25 U.S.C. 3001-3013), as appropriate.

Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in Section 15370 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) when significant cultural resources could be affected by a project. Also, Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 and Health & Safety Code Section 7050.5 provide for provisions for accidentally discovered archeological resources during construction and mandate the processes to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a project location other than a dedicated cemetery. Discussion of these should be included in your environmental documents, as appropriate.

The authority for the SLF record search of the NAHC Sacred Lands Inventory, established by the California Legislature, is California Public Resources Code §5097.94(a) and is exempt from the CA Public Records Act (c.f. California Government Code §6254.10). The results of the SLF search are confidential. However, Native Americans on the attached contact list are not prohibited from and may wish to reveal the nature of identified cultural resources/historic properties. Confidentiality of "historic properties of religious and cultural significance" may also be protected the under Section 304 of the NHPA or at the Secretary of the Interior's discretion if not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Secretary may also be advised by the federal Indian Religious Freedom Act (cf. 42 U.S.C., 1996) in issuing a decision on whether or not to disclose items of religious and/or cultural significance identified in or near the APE and possibly threatened by proposed project activity.

CEQA Guidelines, Section 15064.5(d) requires the lead agency to work with the Native Americans identified by this Commission if the Initial Study identifies the presence or likely presence of Native American human remains within the APE. CEQA Guidelines provide for agreements with Native American, identified by the NAHC, to assure the appropriate and dignified treatment of Native American human remains and any associated grave liens.

Health and Safety Code §7050.5, Public Resources Code §5097.98 and Sec. §15064.5 (d) of the California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines) mandate procedures to be followed, including that construction or excavation be stopped in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery until the county coroner or medical examiner can determine whether the remains are those of a Native American. Note that §7052 of the Health & Safety Code states that disturbance of Native American cemeteries is a felony.

Again, Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in §15370 of the California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines), when significant cultural resources are discovered during the course of project planning and implementation

Please feel free to contact me at (916) 653-6251 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Program Analyst

Attachment: List of Native American Contacts

Cc: State Clearinghouse

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This list is current only as of the date of this document.

Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code, and federal NEPA (42 USC 4321-4335), NHPA Sections 106, 4(f) (16 USC 470(f) and NAGPRA (25 USC 3001-3013)

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources for the proposed CH#2007021133: CEQA Notice of Completion: draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Oceana Retirement

**Response to Comment Letter No. 8**

The comment that no Native American Cultural resources were identified on or within one-half mile of the project site is acknowledged. As discussed in section IV.F, Cultural Resources, of the Draft EIR, while no prehistoric or historic resources have been recorded within one-half mile of the property, the identification of the historic Venice Landfill as being located near both Parcel OT and Parcel 21 and recent investigations in nearby Ballona Creek resulting in the discovery of hundreds of native American burials and numerous prehistoric features indicates a sensitivity of the project area for prehistoric and historic archaeological resources. As the potential exists for such resources to be uncovered during grading and excavation activities for the proposed developments, prior to mitigation, the proposed project may result in a significant impact to prehistoric and historic archaeological resources. Implementation of Mitigation Measures CUL-1 through CUL-6 identified in the Draft EIR would reduce these impacts to less than significant. With respect to consultation with the NAHC, the Applicant will conduct such consultation in accordance with applicable guidelines.



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October 21, 2009

Commissioner Leslie G. Bellamy, Chair  
Commissioner Wayne Rew, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Esther L. Valadez  
Commissioner Harold V. Helsley  
Commissioner Pat Modugno  
Regional Planning Commission  
Department of Regional Planning  
320 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012



**Re: Project R2006-01510 and Project R2006-02726 (together the "OT/21 Project")**  
**COMMENTS on the OT/21 Project and combined Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) - : OPPOSE**

Honorable Commissioners:

We ARE Marina del Rey ("WAM") strongly urges the Regional Planning Commission to continue the hearing on the projects listed above, including all applicable Plan Amendments, Coastal Development permits, Conditional Use permits, Variances and Parking permits based on the following issues and comments on the projects and the DEIR.

## **A) PREMATURE HEARING**

The scheduled Regional Planning Commission hearing today is premature for two reasons.

### **1) Lack of DCB Conceptual Approval**

Upon review of past records, agendas and meetings, We ARE Marina del Rey has determined that the Design Control Board ("DCB") has NOT conceptually approved the current project as described in the project materials and DEIR.

The August 18, 2005 DCB agenda included Item 5b: *Consideration of a new building and severance of the westernmost portion of parcel for future use as public parking.* (Exhibit B)

On September 5, 2005, the DCB agenda included Item 3f: *Approval of the record of the DCB's August 2005 action for conditioned approval of a new building that includes a yacht club, office space, parking and a public park.* (Exhibit C)

The project that was granted conceptual approval called for the western edge of parcel 21 to be bifurcated for future use as public parking to be owned/operated by Los Angeles County with the remaining eastern portion of Parcel 21 to be used for construction of a new building that would include a yacht club, office space, on site parking for its uses and an adjacent park.

The Department of Beaches and Harbors returned to the DCB on February 16, 2006 for the bifurcated parking portion of parcel 21, now dubbed Parcel 21 Phase II, calling for a public

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parking structure of 4-levels and 235 spaces to accommodate relocated public parking from proposed projects on Parcels IR, OT and NR (See Exhibit A). The DCB had a problem with the parking structure being on the waterfront and with the issues of a shell game of public parking and that other proposed projects appeared to not have sufficient on-site parking for their own uses.

But more importantly, this Parcel 21 Phase II was continued 3 times to March 16, 2006, April 27, 2006 and then indefinitely. In other words, it never returned to the DCB.

The current project before the commission calls for a 5-story commercial/office building with some parking as well as a 6-story, 447-space private parking structure (only 94 spaces will be public which are being relocated from Parcel OT) and a further reduction of Parcel 21 land area for the expansion of parcel GR parking.

**THIS project has NOT been reviewed OR conceptually approved by the DCB. Therefore we urge your Commission to continue these integrated projects until such time as the DCB can review this project.**

### 2) Projects Hearing should not precede compound LCP Amendment

The above referenced projects are included in the bundle of the projects labeled by Los Angeles County Departments of Beaches and Harbors and Regional Planning as the "pipeline" projects (see Roadmap Letter Exhibit D). While WAM does not agree with roadmap approach which includes the bundling of project-driven LCP amendments into one overall compound amendment or the limited scope of the LCP amendment vis-à-vis a comprehensive LCP update as recommended by the Coastal Commission, the fact is, the Departments of Beaches and Harbors and Regional Planning are proceeding in this direction and the Board of Supervisors approved this direction on September 1, 2009.

Given this, we respectfully urge this commission to further continue the hearing on Project R2006-01510 and Project R2006-02726 until such time as both the Regional Planning Commission AND the California Coastal Commission have reviewed and taken action on the compound LCP Amendment that is currently being prepared by the Department of Regional Planning in conjunction with the Department of Beaches and Harbors. As stated last week by your Commission during the hearing for the Neptune Apartments and Woodfin Suites Hotels (project #s R2006-03647, R2006-03652, TR067861, R2006-03643 and R2006-03644), it is premature and out of order to hear these individual projects now prior to the drafting of compound LCP amendment that would allow these projects to proceed let alone prior to any action being taken on it by your Commission, the Board of Supervisors and the California Coastal Commission - all required steps that need to be completed before these projects can be ultimately approved.

Furthermore, in terms of ESHA, the DEIR's reliance on the environmental analysis of the Certified Marina del Rey LCP is flawed. This DEIR does not reflect the changes on the ground to the environment since the LCP was certified in 1996. The DEIR states on page IV.E - 3:

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*Additionally, in the certified 1996 Marina del Rey Land Use Plan (LCP), the California Coastal Commission found that there were no Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHAs) in the developed Marina del Rey proper. As such, no riparian habitat or other sensitive natural communities identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations were found to be present on either site.*

However, on January 9, 2008 (reaffirmed October 16, 2008), the California Coastal Commission determined parts of Marina del Rey contain ESHA, and therefore, recommended that County, as part of the overall LCP update amendment, add ESHA findings and provisions to the Marina del Rey LCP, in conformance with the Coastal Act and that County carry out a survey to determine if there are additional ESHA sites in Marina del Rey. We understand this survey to be under preparation but has not been completed at this time. Therefore, in relation to ESHA, this DEIR is substantially incomplete.

Furthermore, how can this Commission properly review these two projects relative to all the projects proposed by a range of developers and the Department of Beaches and Harbors given that the compound LCP amendment will include a Cumulative Impact Assessment and additional studies that are not complete?

How can this Commission properly review these projects given that the Department of Regional Planning has not completed its response to the Coastal Commission's Periodic LCP Review Recommendations that members of the public spent much time providing input.

And finally, moving forward with these projects now is a waste of taxpayer funds. When Los Angeles County states they cannot afford to carry out a comprehensive LCP update; that they cannot build a public park for its residents; and that they cannot fix a broken playground, how can this project proceed at this time with the risk that it will not be approvable. The Department of Beaches and Harbors spends hundreds of thousands of dollars a year of taxpayer money to pay for consultants that work on these projects and make presentations before your Commission.

**Once again, we respectfully urge this commission to further continue the hearing on Project R2006-01510 and Project R2006-02726 until such time as the DCB has reviewed the current Parcel 21 project plans AND both the Regional Planning Commission AND the California Coastal Commission have reviewed and taken action on the compound LCP Amendment that is currently being prepared by the Department of Regional Planning.**

## **2. PIECEMEALING CEQA/OVERALL MARINA WIDE EIR**

WAM further believes that Los Angeles County including the Department of Beaches and Harbors and the Department of Regional Planning (together "the County") is piecemealing the redevelopment of Marina del Rey in violation of state law, including the California Coastal Act ("Coastal Act") and the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). County has admitted on the record and it is widely known, that County intends to redevelop Marina del Rey (the "Marina Redevelopment Project"). This "Marina Redevelopment Project" constitutes "a project" under CEQA. According to Public Resources Code § 21065, a project is defined as the whole of



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an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment.

The Marina Redevelopment Project consists of all the County's individual developments within Marina del Rey now making their way through the public approval process (Fisherman's Village, Mother's Beach, Western Marina residential complexes, etc) and including Projects R2006-01510 and R2006-02726. County is dividing "the Marina Redevelopment Project" into smaller redevelopment projects (e.g. the projects cited above) in order to reduce and hide the environmental impact of the "Marina Redevelopment Project." Therefore, County is piecemealing the "Marina Redevelopment Project," in violation of CEQA. California Supreme Court case law holds that the County cannot "hide" the redevelopment project from the public by breaking the Marina Redevelopment Project into little parts, and the County's behavior – actions and words - confirms there is "a Marina Redevelopment Project."

The California Coastal Commission stated during its Local Coastal Program (the "LCP") Periodic Review hearing on January 9, 2008, that County is piecemealing projects and that this is bad planning. They strongly recommended (said recommendation reaffirmed on October 16, 2008), that County should undertake a comprehensive LCP update amendment of anticipated future development that includes ALL pending project driven amendments, fulfillment of Asset Management strategies and other facilities identified through a community planning process. The intent behind this recommendation was:

*"Well, I think it is apparent that if LCP amendments are pursued on an individual basis, project by project, that the cumulative impacts, and the coordinated efforts will be very difficult for the community, for the County, and for this Commission to understand."* - Commissioner Kinsey, LCP Review Hearing, January 9, 2008

An Environmental Impact Report should be prepared for the whole "Marina Redevelopment Project" should be County's highest obligation to determine the overall environmental impacts of all projects in the Marina. County argues that the LCP is the functional equivalent of an EIR per CEQA § 21080.5 because it is a certified program or at the very least a Master Plan, a position WAM does not share. However, instead of following the LCP for Marina del Rey, which County considers to be the functional equivalent of an EIR, County is implementing a slate of redevelopment projects contained in its *Marina del Rey Asset Management Strategy* ("AMS," April 15, 1997, which is not part of the Certified LCP). The projects, including R2006-01510 and Project R2006-02726 and the document itself are not in conformity or consistent with the Marina del Rey Certified LCP. Additionally, the AMS has not been reviewed or approved by the California Coastal Commission and has no regulatory or legal standing.

Public Resources Code § 21080.5 and CEQA Guideline also state that a "certified program" remains subject to other provisions in CEQA such as the policy of avoiding significant adverse effects on the environment where feasible. Therefore, even if the LCP were the functional equivalent of an EIR, County must still review the overall impacts of the "Marina Redevelopment Project."

Furthermore, the Roadmap approach adopted by Los Angeles County fails to carryout an overall Environmental Impact Report and instead opts for a cumulative impact assessment that may not be CEQA compliant and which may not involve full public participation as required under the California Coastal Act. The Roadmap approach also hides the "Marina Redevelopment Project" by compiling individual, project-driven LCP amendments into one overall LCP Amendment prior an overall project CEQA-compliant environmental review.

### **3. FURTHER CEQA VIOLATIONS**

We ARE Marina del Rey also alleges that a range of actions and statements by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors, the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning and the California Coastal Commission ("CCC"), taken as whole, have committed Los Angeles County to a definite course of action on Projects R2006-01510 and R2006-02726 in addition to other "pipeline" projects included in the Roadmap approach (Exhibit D), prior to conducting environmental reviews in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). These commitments preclude from consideration, other feasible alternatives and/or mitigation measures prior to the environmental review of these projects.

This is indirect conflict with the courts that provided the following guiding general principle: "[b]efore conducting CEQA review, agencies must not 'take any action' that significantly furthers a project 'in a manner that forecloses alternatives or mitigation measures that would ordinarily be part of CEQA review of that public project.'" *Save Tara*, \_\_\_\_ Cal. 4th \_\_\_\_ (citing Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15004(b)(2)(B)).

As enunciated by the Supreme Court, in determining whether a conditional agreement such as the one in *Save Tara* is an approval under CEQA, "courts should look not only to the terms of the agreement but to the surrounding circumstances to determine whether, as a practical matter, the agency has committed itself to the project as a whole or to any particular features, so as to effectively preclude any alternatives or mitigation measures."

An agency's statements and unofficial actions, taken as a whole, can be the basis for finding that an agency has "committed to a definite course of action" and, therefore, "approved" a project. If environmental review has not preceded the agency's "commitment," then the agency has run afoul of CEQA.

The actions and statements that WAM references includes but is not limited to:

- The approval and of Lease options for Parcels 21 and OT by the Small Craft Harbor Commission (12/17/07 for Parcel OT and 3/12/08 for Parcel 21) and the Board of Supervisors (7/15/08 for both Parcels) that were conditional on future environmental reviews
- The adoption of the Marina del Rey Asset Management Strategy by the Board of Supervisors in 1997

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- The adoption of the Roadmap Approach by the Departments of Beaches & Harbors, Regional Planning and the California Coastal Commission and its subsequent approval by the Board of Supervisors on September 1, 2009 (see comments below)
- Statements by the Regional Planning Commissioners at the October 14, 2009 hearing for the Neptune/Woodfin projects about the out of order process of the projects because the amendments need to be heard and approved first by their Commission and the California Coastal Commission
- Statements by Supervisor Yaroslavsky of his concerns that by the time Marina del Rey redevelopment projects reach the Board, they will be a done deal, as he experienced for The Shores development project.
- Statements by Director of Beaches and Harbors that 1) the developers have been negotiating for years in what he terms good faith based on entitlements allowed in the LCP and 2) the County has commitments and liabilities on the pipeline projects and need to move them through.

In reference to the Roadmap approach, WAM believes that approval of the motion on September 1, 2009 by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to endorse the Roadmap approach and to create one project-driven LCP amendment is a violation of state law, including the Coastal Act and CEQA. The Roadmap approach includes the advancement of eight separate projects of which only two have undergone recent environmental reviews in accordance with CEQA rules (see Exhibit D, #7 and #8). CEQA reviews have not been conducted for the remaining six projects (Exhibit D, #s 1-6) which include Projects R2006-01510 and Project R2006-02726 on the agenda today.

For all eight projects, Los Angeles County has signed lease options with developers or negotiated lease terms conditioned on implementing future CEQA review processes. The single LCP amendment authorized to be prepared on September 1, 2009 calls for the packaging of individual, project-driven LCP amendments including those for Projects R2006-01510 and Project R2006-02726, into one compound LCP Amendment. As stated above, a CEQA review has not been conducted for six of these projects with project-driven LCP amendments.

Therefore, we believe these actions, taken as whole, commit Los Angeles County to a specific course of action and constitute discretionary project approvals prior to CEQA environmental reviews. These commitments preclude from consideration, other feasible alternatives and/or mitigation measures prior to the environmental review of these projects.

As stated above, this is indirect conflict with the courts that provided the following guiding general principle: "[b]efore conducting CEQA review, agencies must not 'take any action' that significantly furthers a project 'in a manner that forecloses alternatives or mitigation measures that would ordinarily be part of CEQA review of that public project.'" Save Tara, \_\_\_\_ Cal. 4th \_\_\_\_ (citing Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15004(b)(2)(B)).

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## **4. Conclusion**

**Based on the above comments, we once again urge your Commission to continue Project R2006-01510 and Project R2006-02726 until such time as the above issues are resolved and/or actions taken.**

Together,  
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Exhibit A

# REPLACEMENT PARKING AT MARINA BEACH

3/9/06

<u>Lot #</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Displaced Parking Spaces</u>
9	Waterfront Mixed Use (Czucker)	44*
10	Marriott Residence Inn (Pacifica)	88**
12	Neptune Marina Apts. (Legacy)	103
Total		235

\* Final count to be determined; lessee has not completed analysis

\*\* In the event road widening occurs

## Diagram of Public Parking Lots in Marina del Rey

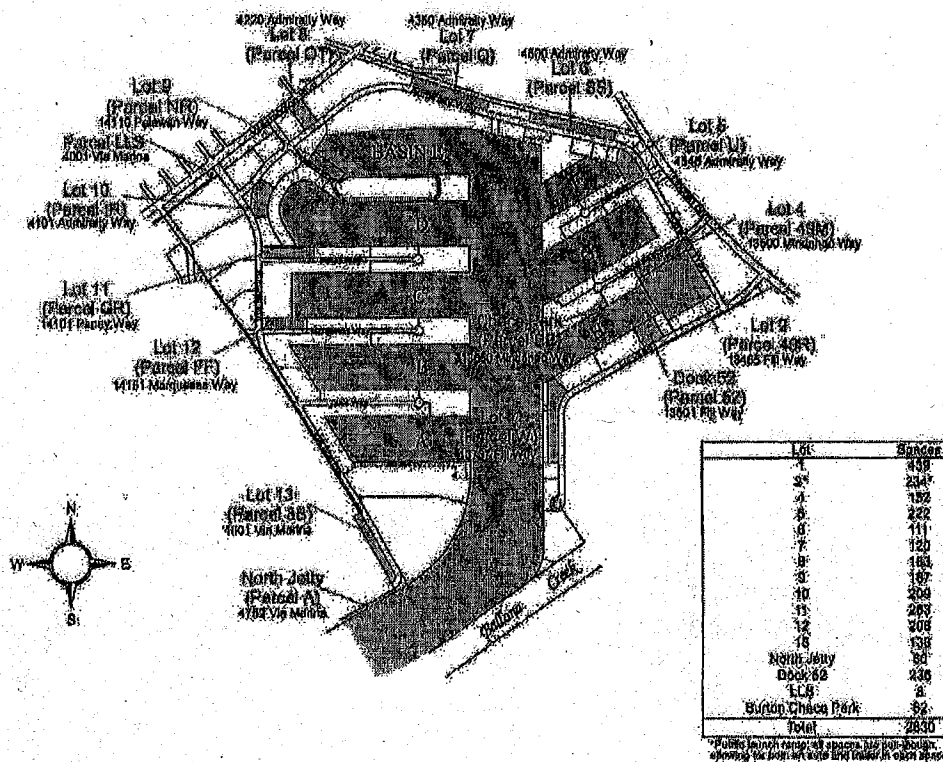


Exhibit B

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- F. Parcel 50 – Marina Waterside Shopping Center – California Pizza Kitchen – DCB #05-011  
Approval of the record of the DCB's July 2005 action for conditioned approval of exterior renovations and replacement signs. Conditions include further review and approval of signage by the Department of Regional Planning, a return to the Board with detailed plans for the exterior lighting and consideration of limiting the quantity of yellow canvas on the patio side of the elevation.
- G. Parcel 50 – Marina Waterside Shopping Center – Starbucks – DCB #05-012  
Approval of the record of the DCB's July 2005 action for approval two signs.
- H. Parcels 111/112 – Marina Harbor – The Villa – DCB #05-013  
Approval of the record of the DCB's July 2005 action for conditioned approval of sign #6 as proposed; sign #7 as proposed; and temporary signs #1, 2 and 4 as proposed. The condition relates to the requirement that the permanent signs require review and approval by the Department of Regional Planning.

4. Old Business

- A. Parcel 50 – Marina Waterside Shopping Center – California Pizza Kitchen – DCB #05-011-B  
Consideration of modifications to exterior renovations and lighting.
- B. Parcel 50 – Ralphs Market – #05-001-D  
Consideration of a temporary banner for Ralphs Market.
- C. Parcel 83/50 – Marina Waterside Shopping Center – DCB #05-010-B  
Consideration of a landscape plan, including replacement of the Coral tree with an alternate tree and the loss of two parking spaces.
- D. Parcel 77 – W.A.T.E.R. Program Storage at Dock 77 – DCB #05-006-D  
Consideration of identification signage as part of the fence scrim.
- E. Parcel 75 – Marina Professional Building – DCB #05-014  
Reconsideration of four signs (three replacement and one new).

5. New Business

- A. Parcel OT – Proposed Retirement Residence – DCB #05-015  
Consideration of a 114 unit retirement residence project, 5,000 square feet of retail space and an "open to the public" landscaped area on the eastern edge of the site.
- B. Parcel 21 – Holiday Harbor Courts – DCB #05-016  
Consideration of a new building and severance of the westernmost portion of parcel for future use as public parking.
- C. Parcel 103 – Oakwood Apartments – DCB #05-019  
Consideration of a replacement sign.



Exhibit C

- F. Parcel 21 – Holiday Harbor – DCB #05-016  
Approval of the record of the DCB's August 2005 action for conditioned approval of a new building that includes a yacht club, office space, parking and a public park.
4. Old Business
- A. Parcel 103 – Oakwood Apartments – DCB #05-019  
Consideration of a replacement sign.
- B. Parcels 111/112 – Marina Harbor – The Villa – DCB #05-013-B  
Consideration of one wall banner, five pole flags (six months with a temporary flag and then with a permanent flag) and one leasing office sign.
5. New Business
- A. Parcel 50 – Waterside Marina – DCB #05-021  
Consideration of two center identification signs.
- B. Parcel 50 – Various Tenants at Waterside Marina – DCB #05-022  
Consideration of tenant signage for: Brighton Collectibles, Coldstone Creamery, White House/Black Market, Le Marmite, Beyond Scents, Chipotle, M. Fredric and Fredric Man.
- C. Parcel IR – Marina Beach Residence Inn – DCB #05-023  
Consideration of an extended stay hotel containing 147 guest suites.
6. Staff Reports
- A. Temporary Permits Issued by Department
- B. Marina del Rey LCP Periodic Review (verbal report)
- C. Ongoing Activities Report
- ☐ Board Actions on Items Relating to Marina del Rey
  - ☐ Small Craft Harbor Commission Minutes
  - ☐ Redevelopment Project Status Report
  - ☐ Marina del Rey and Beach Special Events
7. Comments From The Public  
Public comment within the purview of this Board. (Three minute time limit per speaker.)
8. Adjournment

**Project Materials:** All materials provided to the Design Control Board members are available (beginning the Saturday prior to the meeting) for public review at the following Marina del Rey locations: Marina del Rey Library, 4533 Admiralty Way, 310-821-3416; Department of Beaches and Harbors Administration Building, 13837 Fiji Way, 310-305-9503; M&R Visitors & Information Center, 4701 Admiralty Way, 310-305-9546; and Burton Chace Park Community Room, 13650 Mindanao Way, 310-305-9595.

**Please Note:** The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code (Ord. 93-0031 §2(part), 1993) relating to lobbyists. Any person who seeks support or endorsement from the Design Control Board on any official action must certify that they are familiar with the requirements of this ordinance. A copy of this ordinance can be provided prior to the meeting and certification is to be made before or at the meeting.

**Departmental Information:** <http://beaches.co.la.ca.us> or <http://labeaches.info>

Si necesita asistencia para interpretar esta información llame a este número 310-305-9547.

## **Exhibit D "Pipeline Projects"**

- 1) Parcels 49/77 – a potential 161,000 square foot mixed use commercial development on the existing public parking, public boat launch ramp and dry storage lots.
- 2) Parcel IR – two 5-story building extended stay hotel on Mothers Beach parking lot.
- 3) Parcels 33/NR – mixed-use commercial, retail and residential on a public parking lot and the former Edies Diner/Harbor House lot.
- 4) Parcels 52/GG – Boat Central, 367 Vessel dry stack storage, building will extend 97' over water
- 5) Parcel OT – 114 unit senior retirement facility on public parking lot.
- 6) Parcel 21 - Holiday Harbor 5-story commercial/gym complex with 5 story parking structure on Panay Way. This project shares an EIR with parcel OT (#5 above) and thus shares a Coastal Development Approval process.
- 7) Parcel 9U – Woodfin 19-story hotel and timeshare. Two separate projects with a shared EIR combined into one for roadmap.
- 8) Parcel 10/FF – Neptune apartments and anchorage. Two separate projects with a shared EIR combined into one for roadmap.



#### Response to Comment Letter No. 9

With respect to the comments regarding DCB Approval, on August 18, 2005 the DCB passed a motion unanimously to approve the proposed project in concept. The proposed Holiday Harbor Courts development would provide new marine uses, a public park plaza and promenade, and a parking structure. The project would include marine commercial space and a yacht club on Parcel 21. In addition, through a partial lease termination, Parcel 21 would be reduced by 207 feet, or 31,050 s.f., with a corresponding increase in the area of Parcel GR. Under separate proposal, the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors is considering expanding the number of existing surface parking spaces provided on Parcel GR to include surface parking on the proposed area of expansion.

With respect to the comments regarding the hearing and amendment processes, the project is proceeding through the environmental review process as established and presided over by the Regional Planning Commission and the Department of Beaches and Harbors.

Regarding the review process and piecemealing, the Draft EIR includes a list of related projects based on information obtained from the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Department, the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and from the Cities of Santa Monica and Culver City (refer to Table IV.H-10). The Draft EIR includes cumulative analyses for each environmental issue area based on the list of related projects. It should be noted that the project and related projects within Marina del Rey are subject to review by the Regional Planning Commission.

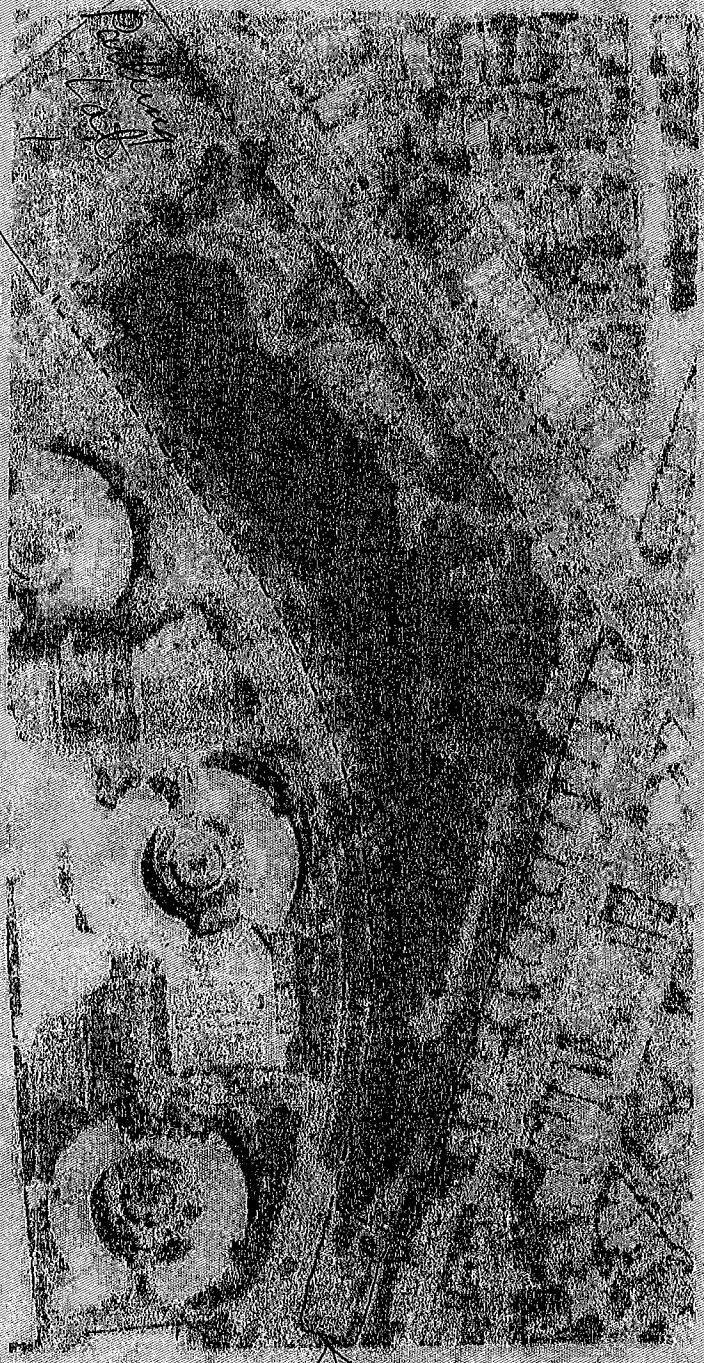
It should be noted that the environmental review process for the proposed project was initiated before the County's decision to prepare a cumulative analysis for projects in the Marina del Rey area was announced. It is anticipated that the County's cumulative analysis will account for the proposed project as well as other area projects. However, the County's analysis will not supplant project-specific environmental analysis (e.g., EIRs) and each individual project must undergo the environmental review process independent of the County's analysis. The timing as to when projects are brought for review is beyond the purview of the Regional Planning Commission.

With respect to the comments regarding ESHA, a recent site survey completed for the project determined that Parcel OT to be composed of an insignificant quantity and quality of wildlife habitat (see Appendix E of Draft EIR). It was also concluded that, similar to Parcel OT, vegetative ground cover present on the transfer portion of Parcel P is dominated by nonnative plant species and that any habitat areas would be excluded from the proposed transfer from Parcel P to Parcel OT.

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**Response to Comment Letter No.10**

The figure including map of the Oxford Basin with handwritten comments as to the placement of parking will be submitted to the County for consideration when making a decision on the project. However, it should be noted that this figure is not a part of the Draft EIR and does not refer to the contents or adequacy of the Draft EIR.

**RESPONSES TO COMMENTS**

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
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**AGENDA ITEMS 10 & 11:  
PROPOSED PROJECT ON  
PARCELS OT & 21**

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**Testifier Ruth Galanter**

My name is Ruth Galanter. I've been dealing with the issue of senior's housing in the West L.A. and Marina and Venice area for 30-something years now. First, as a community activist, later as a member of the Coastal Commission, and subsequently as the City Counsel representative for the area surrounding Marina del Rey. The issues that come up on every project are very similar. We're dealing in an area of valuable land and everybody wants more than it is possible to fit on the land. So there is obviously a demand for open space. There's a demand for parking, for recreational parking. But there is, as you know, a serious housing shortage. And it is particularly true on the Westside because we have so many work places, mainly in -- at the airport and in the city of Santa Monica, and not nearly enough housing. I have also had the opportunity, while remodeling my own house, to live in the Marina across Panay Way from the second parcel. And I had the opportunity to talk to many seniors -- active seniors living in the building I was in and nearby. And I want to speak strongly in support of both of these projects because I believe that this is an opportunity to provide recreational access to people who do not need to drive to the beach. If they are living in the Marina, they will walk as did many of the residents in my building. They will walk to the restaurants. They will walk to the beach. They will walk to the coffee shop. They will walk to the bank. Many of them were living there because their adult children, seeking a place for the widowed mom and dad, wanted a place near where the adult children lived. Clearly, the market is there. The dilemma for you as for any planning body considering these things over the last 40 years and well into the future, is how to balance the various needs. I feel very strongly that housing for --

The comments in support of the proposed are noted and will be considered by the County in the decision-making process.
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**Testifier Dr. Gottlieb**

So, now I only have three minutes. Okay. Well, the first thing I'll mention is 4,446 cubic yards of waste. 4,446 cubic yards of waste involves, I think, the Parcel 21. And the 7,768 cubic yards of soil is mentioned for the -- as the export of soil from Parcel OT. Now, OT is only going to have 74 loads, while the other one -- is going to have 647 loads. But the obvious thing to do is to divide the number of cubic yards by the number of truckloads and find out what the value of the truck is. And if you do that, you find that the --153 that the Parcel OT has -- or maybe it's 21 --has 61.75 cubic yards per truck of waste and 12 --the other one has 12 cubic yards per truck of soil. Now, I don't have as much experience as you, but from my experience of the shores opposite us -- the Marina Strand Colony Two, they only have-- they're only -- they're transporting 20 cubic yards, and a project up the street was transforming 35 cubic yards. There's nowhere in the Volume I of the DEIR, which says how big these trucks are, what their noise volume is, what their traffic thing is. Not only that, but the number 4,000 -- I searched on 4,446 cubic yards and it has many different positions. It comes up four times and one time we're told that the 4,446 cubic yards is the sum of something from Parcel OT and from Parcel 21; whereas the original thing has it as just coming from Parcel 21, something like that. But these are serious mistakes, which will propagate throughout the whole EIR, and I hope you follow Eisenhower's advice -- the principles that make this country great. The values are honesty, and integrity. And if -- if these developers have the privileges that overwhelm that, if they're not being careful about honesty and integrity, then I think it's a -- a blow for us in these crucial times. Thank you.



As stated on page III-32 of the Draft EIR, demolition activities associated with redevelopment of Parcels OT and 21 would result in the hauling of 4,446 cubic yards (c.y.) of waste (246 c.y. for Parcel OT and 4,200 c.y. for Parcel 21). Grading activities for Parcels OT and 21 would result in exporting 7,768 c.y. of soil (6,500 c.y. for Parcel OT and 1,268 c.y. for Parcel 21). This information is internally consistent and references to the 4,446 c.y. estimate, which can be found on pages IV.B-9 and IV.D-12 of the Draft EIR. The project (i.e., Parcel OT and 21 combined), is expected to generate 4,446 c.y. of waste and would require 74 loads; during grading 7,768 c.y. of soil export are expected and would require 647 loads. Generally, dirt weighs approximately 2,600 to 3,000 lbs. per c.y. and debris weighs approximately 250 to 500 lbs. per c.y. The actual weight varies depending on the water content of the soil and the type of debris being hauled; however, the weights described are generally accepted in the trucking industry. Soils would be hauled by a bottom dump truck that will hold approximately 11 to 12 c.y. and debris would be hauled by an end dump truck that holds approximately 60 c.y. The typical street weight limit including the truck is 80,000 lbs and the trucks weigh about 30,000 lbs leaving about 50,000 lbs for debris or soil. Typically a full load of dirt is between 28,000 and 33,000 lbs depending on water content in the soil.

As discussed on page IV.B-10 of the Noise section in the Draft EIR, Assuming a 35 mile per hour (mph) travel speed, the above number of trucks would provide the following noise signature at 50 feet from the roadway centerline: 49.7 dB CNEL during demolition and 54.7 dB CNEL during grading. The maximum potential project impact attributed to truck hauling activity noise during demolition and construction is +0.3 dB CNEL. This is less than the significance threshold of +3 dB CNEL. The Draft EIR concluded that truck haul noise during both the 15 days of grading activities and seven days of demolition activity would therefore be less than significant. Construction of the project would require the designation of construction vehicle and haul routes and construction period management of roadways, sidewalks, and public transportation routes. The Draft EIR determined that the proposed project would result in potentially significant, but temporary, construction traffic impacts that would be reduced to a less-than-significant level through the implementation of Mitigation Measure TA-1. With respect to truck size, it is anticipated that standard sized heavy-duty diesel haul trucks would be used during construction.

### **Testifier John Rizzo**

John Rizzo, president of the Marina Tenants Association. I've been active in the Marina for 35 years and attending meetings for 35 years. I'd like to talk about this particular piece of -- of (Inaudible) that I've given you all. But first of all, I'd want to say about Ruth Galanter's thing that we need housing. Yes, we do need housing desperately. We got 100,000 people in the streets. Regional Planning send -- sends me a letter and says, what do you think about housing? What do you mean? They're -- I'm -- I'm in Venice. They're laying in my yard; I'm cleaning up after them -- which I'm glad to do. I'm for St. Joseph's. I went down there and they tried to -- the neighbors tried to throw St. Joseph's out, and I pleaded for them. I'm for the poor. I'm for people that need it. But people that can afford this kind of thing that they want to put can live anywhere. They can live anywhere. We need affordable housing, and today, we need affordable housing more than ever. People are -- are -- they're coming down in wages, they're losing their jobs. We need affordable --and it's public land. It's supposed to be affordable. There's a price control. It says that that the lessee is to receive a fair return on their investment. They're getting market value in violation of the lease. Not only that. Not only that -- the County can get its money. You cut the -- you cut the rents in half and you double the percentage rental.

You go from 10 1/2 to 21 percent, and you get the same money. If you want more money, you go to 25 percent. It's just a game they're playing to turn over public land to private individuals and get kickbacks and campaign contributions -- which they get a lot. And the public makes nothing, as I talked to you the last time. I'm not going to go into that again because my time is getting short -- how the County doesn't really get anything out of the Marina, and that's a fact. It's all a wash. I have paid close attention to this public lot. I've gone before the Department of Beaches and Harbor numerous times this summer. I've made it a real effort because it is empty. And the reason it's empty is that for some reason when they come down Washington they don't know that it's a public lot. And I've been on them to change the signage -- just like the lady here, Mrs. Valadez said about this thing. You got to be careful. They play games. They don't want people to park there or they would make it so that people see it. At that -- five blocks away is the beach. That lot on -- on peak days is totally full, and the beach is empty because it goes all the way down to the rocks. It's underutilized. The neighbors don't want a bike path through there, and they don't want that lot expanded. We could use this lot for over peak days. But -- but the Department of Beaches and Harbor, of course, doesn't want to use it because they want -- they're a lessee to build on it. So I've talked to them and talked to them. So what do they do? They turn the sign around. If they put a big sign that said beach parking, 7, 5, 6 -- 8 dollars, it would fill up. There is no parking on it. Underutilized? There's no parking on it. Except for a few occasions. And why? Because the Beaches and Harbors doesn't want the parking, and I've gone over this time and again this summer. We have cars parked coming down Washington, coming down Venice -- because I walk that way coming from work -- and there's nowhere for them to park. There's nowhere for them to park. And I've talked to people, and nobody's interested in where the public can park. All they're really interested -- how many commercial buildings can we put in the Marina? That time is over. You're dealing with an old model, and the old model has collapsed our country, by the way. And it's turned over everything to the rich, and it was supposed to trick down. Well guess what? We're not trickling down anything, and we're in the worst depression. And you're continuing on with this old model. We need affordable housing. We need recreation, and we need that lot. If you look on this map, you've got one parking lot in the middle of -- it used to be Admiralty Park, now it's Burke Park, because I made a big stink about them taking her name off because she was too honest. And they changed it to Admiralty Park, and now they've changed it to Burke Park again. We've got one little -- we've got a parking lot right in the middle. Well, what are old people -- how are they going to walk all through here? Yeah, young people like the fact that we've got all this big area, but older folks, they -- where're they going to park? Oh yeah, we're going to provide this parking in this building. Don't worry about it. Yeah, this same lessee has been problem child from Day One on his -- on his affordable housing. It was like a nightmare to get him to put it in. He's had other problems. He has those big regatta things. He had HUD housing. It was in The Times; he never did it. Once, he wanted to go to the Coastal -- he was in a coastal zone -- he wanted to do a building -- a project. He tore the mountain down without getting a -- the top of it without getting a permit. Why not? And then you pay the fine. Hey, you're way ahead of the game. These lessees can't be trusted. You have -- and -- and -- what we need in that project is to keep it the way it is. I know. It -- it's not funny though, really, if you're impacted by it. It's funny if you -- if you talk about it. You know, like the Mob -- they always talk about the Mob, but if the Mob's got a gun to your head or if they're bribing all the politicians, it's not funny. Believe me. And so what I'm saying is this. Is that we need that parking lot for public parking for the beach, for that 14 million dollar park we're making. We need it for them. And we need a -- a -- a mandate to make that parking lot as it's supposed to be. Not some kind of a thing there so -- so we don't use it so we can get this other thing in.

In response to the testifier's comment regarding affordable housing, as discussed in section IV.K, Land Use, the proposed project would re-zone Parcel OT with a new Active Seniors Accommodations designation. The provision of accommodations for seniors is encouraged as part of Marina del Rey Phase II development. This facility for seniors would not represent a typical residential land use, as individual units would not have kitchens, trips generated by the proposed land uses would be reduced as compared to a multi-family residential project of the same size, and the facility would provide on-site dining services and other amenities for the occupants. With approval of the new Active Seniors Accommodations designation, dwelling units in this zone would not be considered residential uses for purposes of assessing affordable housing requirements.

In response to the testifier's comment regarding parking, the parking analysis in the Draft EIR concluded that the project would not reduce area parking capacity as it would replace all of the parking spaces that would be removed with project development. The project would provide 92 spaces on Parcel OT, which would be clearly marked with appropriate signage for easy access by the public, and 94 public spaces on Parcel 21, which is located to the south of Parcel OT on Panay Way. The relocation of 94 spaces to Parcel 21 is expected to provide safer and more convenient parking for Mother's Beach, as visitors will no longer have to cross two public streets, as is currently the case with the public parking on Parcel OT.

Regarding the Oxford Basin, this project is primarily an ongoing flood protection effort led by the County's Department of Public Works, which may involve water quality enhancement and habitat restoration. Thus, passive recreation (i.e., pedestrian trails, viewing areas) may be provided; however, active recreation is not anticipated at the basin.

#### **Testifier John Nahas**

Good morning, Chairman Bellamy. Good morning, Commissioners. My name is John Nahas. I am with the boating coalition, and I am a resident in Playa del Rey. This change in designation of the land use of our public resources for wealthy seniors is inappropriate. Our public lands are for all of our citizens, and this project that is being proposed is not public friendly. Are your workers here -- our staff members should be able to be part of this Marina. How -- excuse me -- Commissioner Helsley, our kids that we used to teach should be part of this Marina. This wealthy -- the project for this hotel, the wealthy, is inappropriate use for this land. While there may have been an affordable component proposed in this hotel, the Harbors and Rivers Act, Public Law 780, House Bill 389, were very specific about how this Marina was created. For everyone at fair and reasonable prices. You didn't hear that from the applicant. The Coastal Commission was very clear on what they asked for parking lots, and what could be designated for parking lots. It's very clear in the Local Coastal Program that you were supposed to oversee. Parking lots can only be turned into what? They can only be turned into parks. Not senior citizen centers, not buildings, massive buildings. What is the reason for open space? Why is open space so crucial to our Coastal Zone? You heard from Staff about the major development of Oxford Basin. I don't have a laser pointer here, but Oxford Basin is being developed. It is going to be an asset for Los Angeles County. Not only for birders, but all these different science -- you know what? I'll just point to the top there. You see lagoon. This is going to be the -- the destination for a lot of our science students, for a lot of our people that are interested in just coming out and enjoying the environment, going to the lagoon. But they haven't put any parking in. The public was told and given this opportunity that OT would be for the lagoon -- for the new, redeveloped lagoon. They're telling you about -- what Staff has said is



that they're going to -- they're going to fence off the lagoon, but they're going to have a lot of these new participants in this area. Where's the parking for them? In Los Angeles -- are they just supposed to walk from East LA? Or South LA? I don't think so. The parking lot is currently being utilized by Fantasy Yachts. Fantasy Yachts has serviced our citizens in Los Angeles County for weddings, graduations, and other distinguished ceremonies for many years. Our public has access to the water by the use of this parking lot and the use of Fantasy Yachts. There is very limited parking in the old Edie's Diner -- it's now called Panificio. Organic Panificio, and we need that parking lot to stay for the public area, for the public arena. This is the start of the demise of the control -- the Design Control Board that Commissioner Alvarez has -- has alluded to. I really appreciate your attention to detail, Commissioner Alvarez, because this is really what was the -- I'm sorry -- Valadez. This is really what the crux of -- of what is happening here. The Design Control Board said, wait a minute? What's going on with all this parking? We're losing parking here. You're saying that we're somehow going to retain parking. Where? The numbers -- and if you looked at the minutes, they were very upset. They had been told lies, and they said, no more. No more, Stan Wizneski. No more. You cannot tell us and we're not -- we're going to find out what's going on in the parking. If you would please, just do some further investigation with Design Control Board. Beaches and Harbors has committed -- and you obviously have seen this. From their website: Parcel OT will be a 114 senior care facility. We saw your County counsel interrupt this meeting and go off and speak with the Department of Beaches and Harbor director. We don't want to keep on seeing that happen. These deals that are being made, these obligations that are being made in front of you is inappropriate. Going on -- and I know I'm running over my time here. I want to just speak about some of the questions. The parking is being manipulated. Commissioner Helsley, you -- you definitely hit it on the head. Walling off on the Marina. The destruction of open space is continuing this walling off. We hope that you don't allow it. The DCB had major concerns. Please look more into that. The developer is -- and what you don't hear -- what you haven't heard today? The developer is proposing a reduction in boat slips in Parcel 21. They're not telling you that today -- 50 percent reduction. The loss of 95 boat slips, and more importantly, a reduction of 140 boater-dedicated parking spaces going down to 75 boater-dedicated parking spaces. They're not saying that. And then lastly -- this is the cart before the horse. Commissioner Rew hit this on the head. You have people that are going -- this should be going as an LCP amendment to the Coastal Commission and then back to this Planning Commission, not vice versa. You cannot make these decisions when you don't even know that the law can be changed. Thank you for your time.

In response to the testifier's comment regarding affordable housing, as discussed in section IV.K, Land Use, the proposed project would provide accommodations for active seniors on Parcel OT, which is encouraged as part of Marina del Rey Phase II development. This facility would not represent a typical residential land use, as individual units would not have kitchens, trips generated by the proposed land uses would be reduced as compared to a multi-family residential project of the same size, and the facility would provide on-site dining services and other amenities for the occupants. The project is requesting that Parcel OT be re-zoned with a new Active Seniors Accommodations designation; with approval, dwelling units in this zone would not be considered residential uses for purposes of assessing affordable housing requirements.

In response to the testifier's comment regarding land use, though the Land Use Plan (LUP) of the Local Coastal Program contemplated the potential conversion of Parcel OT to residential uses and states that it was underutilized throughout most of the year. The testifier is correct in that the LUP states that no designated public parking areas, including Parcel OT, shall be

converted to uses other than public parking or public park purposes. Therefore the proposed project requires an amendment to the LCP.

In response to the testifier's comment regarding parking, the parking analysis in the Draft EIR concluded that the project would not reduce area parking capacity as it would replace all of the parking spaces that would be removed with project development. The project would provide 92 spaces on Parcel OT, which would be clearly marked with appropriate signage for easy access by the public, and 94 public spaces on Parcel 21, which is located to the south of Parcel OT on Panay Way. The relocation of 94 spaces to Parcel 21 is expected to provide safer and more convenient parking for Mother's Beach, as visitors will no longer have to cross two public streets, as is currently the case with the public parking on Parcel OT.

In response to the testifier's comment regarding FantaSea Yachts and Yacht Club parking, the proposed project would replace all of the parking spaces that would be removed with project development, including parking associated with FantaSea Yachts and Yacht Club. It should be noted that, in addition to the use of these spaces for Mother's Beach and special events, the FantaSea Yachts and Yacht Club retains a Coastal Development Permit for the non-exclusive right to use up to 92 public parking spaces on Parcel OT after 6:00 pm and on weekends and holidays. See also Response to Comment Letter No.1

In response to the testifier's comment regarding access, the chain link fence that currently surrounds the Oxford Retention Basin area would remain in place with project development. The project would not preclude existing access through the construction of walls. As discussed in section IV.K, Land Use, the proposed project would adjust Parcel OT boundary to include 19,755 s.f. of Parcel P, which is designated open space in the LCP. The proposed building would encroach approximately 30 to 35 feet (or 9,397 s.f.) into what is currently Parcel P, leaving approximately 20 to 25 feet for a pathway and transitional landscaping compatible with the future enhancement of Oxford Basin. Currently, the surface parking lot on Parcel OT encroaches approximately 21 feet into Parcel P (an area of 6,665 s.f.); therefore, the proposed building on Parcel OT would encroach into Parcel P by an additional nine to 14 feet and 2,732 s.f. The Department of Beaches and Harbors intends to offset the reduction of open space on Parcel P via the planned expansion of Burton W. Chace Park.

Regarding the comment on boat slips, the proposed project would not include the reduction of boat slips or associated boater-dedicated parking spaces. It should be noted that Parcel 21 would provide a surplus of approximately seven spaces above the number required. In addition, through a partial lease termination, Parcel 21 would be reduced by 207 feet, or 31,050 s.f., with a corresponding increase in the area of Parcel GR. Under separate proposal, the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors is considering expanding the number of existing surface parking spaces provided on Parcel GR to include surface parking on the proposed area of expansion. Therefore, the project would facilitate the provision of additional public parking within the Marina.

With respect to the comments regarding DCB Approval, on August 18, 2005 the DCB passed a motion unanimously to approve the proposed project in concept. The project is proceeding through the environmental review process as established and presided over by the Regional Planning Commission and the Department of Beaches and Harbors. See also Response to Comment Letter No. 9.

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With respect to the comment stating that the project should be going as an LCP amendment to the Coastal Commission and then back to this Planning Commission, the project is progressing through the environmental review process as established and presided over by the Regional Planning Commission and the Department of Beaches and Harbors.

**Testifier David Barish "We are Marina del Rey"**

Good afternoon, honorable Commissioners. I just want to say -- my name is David Barish, co-director of "We Are Marina del Rey." I have submitted a detailed comments letter for your review and for the record that covers a range of issues and concerns. We are asking your Commission today to continue these projects until certain feature actions are taken, which I will focus on below. But in general, we have before us today, the same issues we dealt with at last week's hearing within (inaudible) Neptune. An out of order process. LCP amendments by exception. Public land grab for private development. The piecemealing of the County's overall Marina del Rey redevelopment project. Premature and discretionary approvals. And as far as I know, there is no RFP submitted for OT. I will expand more on the out of order process and why these projects must be continued today to an uncertain future date. The scheduled Planning Commission hearing today is premature for two reasons. First, the Design Control Board has not reviewed nor conceptually approved the current project as it is before you today. On August 18, 2005, the DCB agenda was they considered a new building on a severance of the westernmost portion of Parcel 21 for future use as public parking. That was what was approved. And it was confirmed in next month's meeting, when it said, "Approval of the Record of the DCB's August 2005 action for conditional approval of a new building that includes a yacht club, office space, parking, and a public park. The project that was granted conceptual approval was the remaining eastern portion of Parcel to be used for construction of a new building, including yacht club, office space, outside parking for its users, and an adjacent park. The Department of Beaches and Harbors went back to the DCB in February to consider the public parking on the western portion of Parcel 21. That was continued, and it has been continued indefinitely -- it has not gone back. This project as it sits before you has not been reviewed or conceptually approved by the DCB, and I urge you to continue this -- these projects that are integrated together until the DCB sees it and approves it. Furthermore, the second reason why we need to continue these -- these projects, is because these projects are part of the bundle of projects, labeled by the L.A. County Department of Beaches and Harbors and Regional Planning as pipeline projects; okay? It is premature and out of order to hear these individual projects now prior to the drafting of a compound LCD amendment that would allow these projects to proceed, let alone prior to any action being taken on it -- by your Commission, by the Board of Supervisors, by the California Coastal Commission -- all required steps that need to be completed before these projects can ultimately be approved. And furthermore, in terms of just the piecemealing, you haven't seen the projects that are going to be -- two additional projects that are proposed for Mother's Beach that are in between these projects. Parcel IR and Mother's Beach, a two-building structure, a hotel, and the Zuker project on Parcel 33 NR, which has not come through yet. Those are major changes all surrounding this area that are not being looked at in a -- in a cumulative fashion by your Commission. The second thing -- the other thing is that during the LCP amendment there will be a cumulative impact assessment that is being prepared. I don't know what -- what's going to be in it, but they're preparing it. Why are we hearing these projects now before that's done -- before that impact assessment comes before this Commission. It is out of order, and if you proceed today to a final EIR, you are violating Segua, Coastal Act, and your own rules. And the final thing I wanted to say -- a small thing, but one of the other public comments speakers today -- Steve Cordova, neglected to tell

you that he is actually a part of (inaudible) Yacht Club, which actually is a -- their club is being moved to Parcel 21 from 20, so they are actually have an interest in this project, but they didn't say that. I think that's important to hear. Thank you.

With respect to the question regarding an RFP, the County Department of Beaches and Harbors set forth a Request for Proposals (RFP) in June 2000 for development of hotel/motel, restaurant, retail, and/or other uses on Parcel OT as well as several other lots.

Regarding the review process and piecemealing, the Draft EIR includes a list of related projects based on information obtained from the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Department, the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and from the Cities of Santa Monica and Culver City (refer to Table IV.H-10). The related projects identified include the hotel development proposed on Parcel IR (related project #14) and mixed-use development proposed on Parcel 33/NR (related project #20). The Draft EIR includes cumulative analyses for each environmental issue area based on the list of related projects and, as such, the project's relationship and any potential impacts related to development on Parcels IR and 33/NR were considered in forming cumulative impact conclusions. It should be noted that the project and related projects within Marina del Rey are subject to review by the Regional Planning Commission.

The Draft EIR includes cumulative analyses for each of the analyzed impact areas. The list of related projects for these analyses is based on information obtained from the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Department, the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and from the Cities of Santa Monica and Culver City. It should be noted that the environmental review process for the proposed project was initiated before the County's decision to prepare a cumulative analysis for projects in the Marina del Rey area was announced. It is anticipated that the County's cumulative analysis will account for the proposed project as well as other area projects. However, the County's analysis will not supplant project-specific environmental analysis (e.g., EIRs) and each individual project must undergo the environmental review process independent of the County's analysis. The timing as to when projects are brought for review is beyond the purview of the Regional Planning Commission.

With respect to the comments regarding DCB Approval, on August 18, 2005 the DCB passed a motion unanimously to approve the proposed project in concept. The project is proceeding through the environmental review process as established and presided over by the Regional Planning Commission and the Department of Beaches and Harbors.

It should be noted that Parcel 21 would provide a surplus of approximately seven spaces above the number required. In addition, through a partial lease termination, Parcel 21 would be reduced by 207 feet, or 31,050 s.f., with a corresponding increase in the area of Parcel GR. Under separate proposal, the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors is considering expanding the number of existing surface parking spaces provided on Parcel GR to include surface parking on the proposed area of expansion. Therefore, the project would facilitate the provision of additional public parking within the Marina.

See also Response to Comment Letter No. 9.

**Testifier Carla Andrus**

Good afternoon, Commissioners. In regard to Parcel OT, senior -- I guess we haven't figure it out -- residential hotel, whatever -- some creative idea. Anyway -- oh, my name is Carla Andress, sorry. Goldrich & Kest's reputation with seniors in the Marina should preclude him from any consideration of this ill-advised project. I will remind you of Parcel 20, the Capri, which I know we were in front of you on that in 2005. I -- I hope you remember it. I certainly remember it. Senior citizens interested in ten units of affordable housing promised as a condition of Goldrich & Kest's permit to build the 99-unit Capri. They were denied those apartments for two years. They had to fight for two years, while Goldrich & Kest tried to back out of the deal they made for the density bonus and other considerations gotten. Two years later when the seniors moved in -- we won the battle -- they had to fight over the overcharges in rent. That's not the most egregious of his violations, and he has many of them. Let me just tell you, I went down to Regional Planning and these are violations on Parcel 18 about parking and age restrictions -- several of them. But the worst, I think, is Parcel 18, but not the violations so much as just the parking and the age restriction, but the whole deal. The deal was real interesting. It started off as senior citizens board and care, age 62 and over, 75 units, per occupants per unit, meals provided by The Chart House, no less, and nurse on site. It was a real service to the senior citizens that needed special services -- special needs, which is why we provide affordable housing. It was changed by Goldrich & Kest to 60 units, market rate -- not even 50 percent affordable as required in the law -- one occupant per unit, no special services, no nurse, no meals. This project doesn't even qualify for the density bonus he received or the parking considerations -- 30 spaces for 60 units -- and to this day, there's no doubt that he's in violation of that parking permit, because these are active senior citizens that moved in there, 55 and over. Goldrich & Kest is unworthy for stealing board and care, of which the Development Zone called for. It's a Development Zone, and it was called for congregate care -- 75 units. Nowhere, absolutely nowhere. And so for taking from the weakest among us, the sick and elderly, and instead Goldrich & Kest is envisioning counting profits from the best market he could tap into -- well-established, active senior citizens, 55 and over. That's how he promoted the Monte Carlo before it even opened. But you recall, it was supposed to be for 62 and over, so therefore, more violations. Alternatives for this site, and I think that's very serious. We -- we can't even allow considering Goldrich & Kest for this project. There were no consequences, by the way -- not even a slap on the wrist. He got no consequences. The seniors paid plenty. Alternatives for this site should have been considered: A park-and-ride -- I mean parking. It should be parking. It's close to the beach. You should be able to park there and walk down to the beach or cycle down to the beach from there. You have a bicycle rental there. You have a park-and-ride so that people can get on a shuttle, leave their cars there, and go off to the beach and start relieving the traffic in Venice. And it would honor our LCP, which is a unique idea, with additional open space, the parking that we need, we could -- if there's a little extra space, throw in a few picnic tables so that we can enjoy that atmosphere, along with the Oxford Flood Basin and its expensive renovation. As for Parcel 21, you shouldn't consider it -- it shouldn't be considered until the condition for Parcel 20 is fulfilled. Parcel 20 is where the yacht club was going to go. The remainder of 20 was to be marine commercial. The yacht club was anticipated for that, but the yacht club has agreed to move on top of the four-level parking structure. That's their choice. But that does not redesignate marine commercial. It's supposed to be marine commercial; that was one of the conditions. That was the only other condition that he was able to build this 99 units. So that's been displaced by the Department of Beaches and Harbors administrative building, the last we heard. You can check the status report for the project status report. Parcel 21 eliminates parking for boaters, and takes the modest restroom facilities, which are stand-alone buildings and tucks them into the parking structure, and this violates the certified LCP. The LCP does discuss this issue about restrooms and putting them -- okay. I'll -- I'll wrap it up with this. 21 shouldn't be considered until Waterside is considered. 21

Waterside wants to eliminate boater parking and small slips regardless of the Coastal Commission's recommendations. These projects exemplify this out-of-order, broken, abusive process that serves no one well, not even the developers. And I have this to submit, but I'll have to make copies. Can I mail them to you? Thank you.

Regarding alternatives, the proposed project responds to the County Department of Beaches and Harbors' Request for Proposals (RFP) for development of hotel/motel, restaurant, retail, and/or other uses on Parcel OT, as well as several other lots. The Draft EIR considered a reasonable range of feasible alternatives to the project including a "No Project" alternative, under which no development would occur and Parcel OT would remain a parking lot. However, the No Project alternative would not respond to the RFP nor fulfill the project's basic objectives.

With respect to the LCP, the Land Use Plan (LUP) contemplated the potential conversion of Parcel OT to residential uses and states that it was utilized throughout most of the year. However, as discussed in section IV.K, Land Use, of the Draft EIR, the project will require an amendment to the LCP. The project is requesting that Parcel OT be re-zoned with a new Active Seniors Accommodations designation.

In terms of outdoor amenities adjacent to the Oxford Basin, the project proposes a landscaped passageway, which would provide opportunities for occupants and the general public for walking and passive recreation (such as bird watching). Benches would also be provided.

Regarding Parcel 21, the proposed project would require the transfer of the yacht club and marine commercial uses from Parcel 20, Phase II, to Parcel 21 and the enlargement of Parcel GR with a corresponding reduction in size of Parcel 21. The proposed project would not include the reduction of boat slips or associated boater-dedicated parking spaces. It should be noted that Parcel 21 would provide a surplus of approximately seven spaces above the number required. In addition, through a partial lease termination, Parcel 21 would be reduced by 207 feet, or 31,050 s.f., with a corresponding increase in the area of Parcel GR. Under separate proposal, the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors is considering expanding the number of existing surface parking spaces provided on Parcel GR to include surface parking on the proposed area of expansion. Therefore, the project would facilitate the provision of additional public parking within the Marina.

**Testifier Nancy Vernon-Marino "We are Marina del Rey"**

Good afternoon, honorable. My name is Nancy Vernon-Moreno, and I'm co-director of "We Are Marina del Rey." First of all, I would like to point out that the applicant, MDR Oceana LLC, is not, as the Staff report asserts, a lessee on Parcel OT. It has a lease/option for the Parcel, which is contingent upon obtaining amendments to the LCP that would allow this proposed project to go forward. It is illegal under present law. The Parcel is zoned for public use, specifically a park or parking only. The applicant does not possess either the leasehold interest or any entitlement to build on this parcel. I'd like to address the Active Seniors Accommodation Land Use Category. That's just a crock. I'm sorry, I don't know a better word for it. In the 1980s, there was a lawsuit about discrimination against families with children in apartment buildings. That lawsuit originated in Marina del Rey because they wanted to keep families out. There are no services for these families. There are no schools, childcare, the things that you want for families are not supported in Marina del Rey. That all relies on the surrounding communities. Hospitals -- all of these really essential services, and we are to provide the recreation for the whole region, and that's not happening here. The DCB did not approve a

project for market-rate housing, which is what is anticipated here. There is no shortage of luxury housing, as Mr. Rizzo pointed out, but it's not the business of Los Angeles County to be in the luxury housing market -- or to be in the luxury housing business. The DCB approved these with, I believe, it's something over 40 parking spaces. I looked and I tried to find how many parking spaces are provided for residents, but it's well under the 114 units. You are going to have a serious parking shortage. They say they follow County Code, but it followed County Code based on being a congregate care-type facility for the old and the infirm. But I have to ask you, basically, get down to the bottom of all this. Why is the applicant putting the old people -- infirm or active or whatever level of physical capability -- between the two major highways and the parking structure on the prime waterfront land? It makes no sense. The DCB wondered about that as well. They also asked the County to revisit approvals of five projects, which did not, as they had been assured, have the required parking on site, and they asked the County to please consider scaling back or finding new locations for these projects. OT was one of those ones that was included in that request. Nothing ever became of that except the motion, which eventually succeeded, to undermine the authority of the DCB. I do invite you to drive out to the Marina and deliberately go park in Lot OT. Because first you have to find where the entrance is, and it is not accessible from most directions. If you go in Palawan, you can't get there. You can go across traffic and cut through the alley, but you have to find it. It's in the alley. I'll give you a hint. It's in the alley next to the Marina International Hotel. This may have a lot to do with why the parking lot is so underutilized, but that, too, is an inaccurate term. The parking lot is underserved by recreation, and we finally have a project moving forward to put some recreation there, and you're taking it away. Well, you're not -- I hope you won't. But what I hope you will do today is direct Staff to correct all of the errors of commission and omission in this report, to give accurate data, and an honest accounting of what this project is and what it does. And thank you very much for your time.

With respect to the proposed land uses, the County Department of Beaches and Harbors set forth a Request for Proposals (RFP) in June 2000 for development of hotel/motel, restaurant, retail, and/or other uses on Parcel OT as well as several other lots. Due to the nature of the project being a service-oriented facility for active seniors without a medical care component, neither hotel nor senior housing land use designations singularly describe the uses proposed. Planners often create new land use categories to respond to changing market circumstances and changing ways people live.

In response to the comments regarding design approval, the proposed project received conceptual approval from the DCB, on August 18, 2005. The DCB approval does not address housing affordability as its primary function is to ensure that projects meet the specifications and minimum standards for architectural treatment and construction.

Regarding the commenter's concern about the amount of parking provided for the proposed active seniors accommodations, this component is unique since it would provide transportation services to occupants via limousines that would dramatically reduce the need to own and park a vehicle. Since no rates are set in the parking code for active seniors accommodations that provide this type of transportation service, the parking rate of 0.36 space per unit used in the parking analysis for the proposed project was based on parking observations at a similar retirement facility site. Based on the parking rate of 0.36 spaces per unit, the proposed active seniors accommodations on Parcel OT would require approximately 41 spaces. The project proposes to provide 42 spaces for the active seniors accommodations, or a surplus of two parking spaces above the number of parking spaces required. Thus, sufficient parking would be provided for the active seniors accommodations.



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Further, the parking analysis in the Draft EIR concluded that the project would not reduce area parking capacity as it would replace all of the parking spaces that would be removed with project development. The project would provide 92 spaces on Parcel OT, which would be clearly marked with appropriate signage for easy access by the public, and 94 public spaces on Parcel 21, which is located to the south of Parcel OT on Panay Way. The relocation of 94 spaces to Parcel 21 is expected to provide safer and more convenient parking for Mother's Beach, as visitors will no longer have to cross two public streets, as is currently the case with the public parking on Parcel OT.



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**Testifier Mr. Larry Koch**

My name is Larry Koch, and I'm a resident of Marina del Rey and Playa del Rey. I have a sailboat in the Marina, and I have had that for many, many years. I'm in favor of this project in that I believe it is responsible redevelopment of the land. A lot of projects that we have seen in the Marina where the density is so overwhelming, I'm not in favor of those kinds of projects. But this, I believe, to be a good use of the land. There is substantial parking that nobody has mentioned on the Palawan side of Mother's Beach. Mothers Beach users can use that parking, they can use the existing public parking off Panay Way, and they'll be able to use the enlarged parking lot that Mr. Gardner is planning to build. There is no reason that a responsible driver cannot park his car and walk that distance. Crossing Admiralty Way is not a good idea. Cars come around that bend by the three towers, and unless somebody has hit the crosswalk button, they're coming around there at -- usually at 40 miles an hour or more. And I'm sure that you probably know the County makes a lot of money on the speeding tickets that are issued on Admiralty Way. This, I believe to be a responsible redevelopment of the area. There will be ample parking on Panay Way for the commercial building. There will be ample parking between Washington and Admiralty in the vicinity of the senior care facility. I'd also like to address the fact that -- I don't know how long you all have sat on this board, but you'll notice the same group of people come to every one of these meetings in opposition of any project, large or small, regardless of its type, size -- they just do not want anything, anything redeveloped in Marina del Rey. That is not responsible planning. These buildings are old; they're falling apart. They need redoing. The new Jamaica Bay Inn that is currently being refurbished is also, in my mind, a very responsible redevelopment. The buildings do not come right out to the property line like other new developments; they're leaving open space around the buildings. And yet, these folks, the same folks that are here today against this project, are against that project. They're against any project in Marina del Rey, and I would think, in your minds, that that should be unacceptable. Responsibly redevelop these public lands. Make them attractive, functional, and cost efficient. Thank you.

The comment in support of the proposed project is noted and will be considered by the County in the decision-making process.
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# Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning


*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*



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SUBJECT: **Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts. Project Nos. R2006-01510, R2006-02726 (Item Nos. 7 and 8)**

A public hearing on the above-mentioned projects was held before the Regional Planning Commission on October 21, 2009. At that hearing, your commission instructed staff and the applicants to address some of the questions and concerns raised by members of the public and the Commission. The following is a summary of the October 21, 2009 hearing and responses from Staff and the applicant.

## **October 21, 2009 Public Hearing**

On October 21, 2009, your commission conducted a public hearing on the above-mentioned projects (Project). At that hearing, your commission heard the staff presentation and testimony from the project applicants and interested members of the public. Commissioners Bellamy, Rew, Valadez, Modugno and Helsley were present at the hearing.

Your commission continued the hearing to February 10, 2009 and directed staff and the project applicants to prepare responses to the issues raised during the hearing. Staff was also asked to address a letter received from the California Department of Toxic Substances.

Prior to the February 10, 2010 public hearing, a letter was received from the Department of Beaches and Harbors requesting that an earlier hearing date be considered (**Attachment 1**). Your Commission considered and the discussed the request at the November 4, 2009 hearing and voted to change the continued hearing date to December 16, 2009 with proper noticing to members of the public. Commissioners Bellamy, Rew, Valadez and Helsley were present. Commissioner Modugno was absent.

## **Response to Public Comments**

At the October 21, 2009 public hearing, the Commission directed Staff, and the applicants to respond to issues and concerns raised by the Commission and members of the public. Staff and the applicants have prepared written responses addressing issues and. (**Attachment Nos. 2, and 3**)

**STAFF EVALUATION****Project No. R2006-01510****Issues**

Pursuant to Sections 22.46.1550, Title 22 of the County Code (Zoning Ordinance) a Senior Accommodations Facility or similar facilities are not permissible on a parcel with the Parking land use category in the Marina del Rey Specific Plan (Specific Plan). The Parking land use category is intended for public uses such as parks or parking facilities. Because of the subject parcel's Parking land use designation, to accommodate the proposed development, the following amendments to the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program (LCP) are required: to authorize the transfer of development potential between Development Zones (114 hotel units from the Admiralty DZ #7 and 5,000 square feet of retail space from the Palawan/Beach DZ #5 to the Oxford DZ #6); to change Parcel OT's land use designation from "Parking" to the "Active Senior Accommodations Facility" designation with a Mixed Use Overlay Zone; to transfer 94 of the LCP permitted 186 public parking spaces on Parcel OT to Parcel 21, to create an Active Seniors Accommodations Land Use Category in the LCP and re-designate Parcel OT as an Active Seniors Accommodations parcel, to adjust the parcel and land use boundaries between Parcel OT and Parcel P.

Staff is of the opinion that the expanding senior population in West Los Angeles provides sufficient justification for plan amendments to convert a parking lot that is underutilized for most of the year into a senior accommodations facility. In addition, the public parking spaces that are currently on Parcel OT will not be lost. The applicant is proposing to transfer 94 of the existing 186 spaces currently developed on the site to Parcel 21 and is maintaining the remaining 92 spaces onsite. Currently, patrons using the parking facility on Parcel OT who wish to visit Marina Beach, must cross Admiralty Way, a busy Secondary Highway. Transferring the spaces to Parcel 21 provides visitors to Marina del Rey closer and more access to Marina Beach.

Provided that the proposed plan amendments are approved and Parcel OT's Land Use Category is changed from, "Parking," to "Senior Accommodations Facility," then pursuant to Title 22 of the County Code (Zoning Ordinance) senior accommodations facility will be a permitted use in the Marina del Rey Specific Plan. A Coastal Development Permit is required to undertake any development in the Coastal Zone. Staff finds that the proposed senior accommodations facility is consistent with the requirements for a Coastal Development Permit if the amendment is approved as proposed

A Conditional Use Permit would be required to authorize a parking lot in the proposed Senior Accommodations Facility land use Category and for retail uses on a parcel with a proposed Mixed Use Overlay Zone. Staff finds that the proposed project is consistent with the requirements of Section 22.56.040 of the Los Angeles County Code.

As proposed, the project would require a Parking Permit to authorize the transfer of parking spaces from Marina del Rey Parcel OT to Parcel 21. Staff finds that the proposed project is consistent with the requirements of Section 22.56.1020 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Both the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan (Recreation and Visitor-Serving Facilities Page 2-5) and the Right Sizing Parking Study have concluded that Parcel OT is an underutilized public parking lot during most of the year. The applicant is proposing to move 94 of the 186 existing spaces to Parcel 21 where they can be better utilized and provide closer and more direct

access to Marina Beach and other waterfront facilities. In addition, the applicant has agreed to help finance a portion of the County's Oxford Basin enhancement project which will provide the public with improved access to the Oxford Basin Bird Sanctuary.

At the time that the 1996 Major Amendment to the LCP was drafted, a use such as an Active Senior Accommodations Facility had not yet been contemplated. The proposed facility would provide active seniors with services very similar to those found in a hotel. The rooms will not have individual kitchens, but rather one central kitchen, from which the tenants may have food delivered to their rooms or eat together in a communal dining area. This type of facility is needed to serve the expanding senior population in Los Angeles County.

In addition, the facility will reduce vehicle trips versus a typical residential building by providing seniors with facilities such as a card room, library, screening room, arts and crafts area, beauty shop, gym and retail shopping area all onsite.

The proposed project will relocate 94 parking spaces from an underutilized public parking lot to a location where they can better serve visitors to Marina del Rey. Furthermore, the proposed Senior Accommodations Facility/Mixed Use project will not only improve the quality of life for County residents, but will also provide much needed revenue for the General Fund versus the current underutilized parking lot.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

##### **Approval**

The following recommendation is made prior to the public hearing and is subject to change based upon testimony and/or documentary evidence presented at the public hearing.

Staff recommends APPROVAL of Coastal Development Permit No. 200600002-(4), Conditional Use Permit No. 200600115-(4) and Parking Permit No. 200600009-(4) subject to the attached conditions. Staff also recommends that the Regional Planning Commission prepare a resolution recommending approval of Plan Amendment No. 200600109-(4) to the Board of Supervisors.

#### **SUGGESTED MOTIONS**

**I move that the public hearing be continued to a date certain and that Regional Planning Commission instruct staff to prepare the Final Environmental Impact Report and prepare a resolution recommending the approval of Plan Amendment No. 200600109-(4) to the Board of Supervisors and prepare findings and conditions of approval for Coastal Development Permit No. 200600002-(4), Conditional Use Permit No. 200600115-(4) and Parking Permit No. 200600009-(4).**

#### **STAFF EVALUATION**

**Project No. R2006-02726**

##### **Issues**

Pursuant to Sections 22.46.1440 and 22.46.1710, Title 22 of the County Code (Zoning Ordinance) a commercial center with a parking structure is permissible on a parcel with the Marine Commercial Land Use Category and a Waterfront Overlay Zone in the Marina del Rey Specific Plan. A Coastal Development Permit is required to undertake any development in the

Coastal Zone. Staff finds that the proposed commercial center is consistent with the requirements for a Coastal Development Permit and provisions of the LCP.

A Conditional Use Permit is required for a parking structure, a yacht club, 2,916 square feet of Visitor Serving/Convenience Commercial uses, a health club and offices for boating related activities in the Marine Commercial/Waterfront Overlay Zone Land Use Category of the Marina del Rey Specific Plan. Staff finds that the proposed project is consistent with the requirements of Section 22.56.040 of the Los Angeles County Code and the Specific Plan.

The proposed project requires an amendment to the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan to authorize the redrawing of the parcel boundary line between Marina del Rey Parcels 21 and GR to transfer of 31,050 square feet on the westerly portion of Parcel 21 to Parcel GR. It would be appropriate for the Commission to consider this request as increasing the size of public parking lot GR, which serves Marina Beach, facilitates public access to the coast.

As proposed, the project would require a Parking Permit to authorize the transfer of parking spaces from Marina del Rey Parcel OT to Parcel 21. Staff finds that the proposed project is consistent with the requirements of Section 22.56.1020 of the Los Angeles County Code.

There are many aspects of the proposed project that are not only beneficial to the County, but also serve LCP goals of increasing coastal access, encouraging recreational uses in the Marina, and maintaining the physical and economic viability of the marina. The project will demolish outdated buildings and uncovered parking spaces and replace them with modern buildings with covered parking. Not only would the proposed project replace 6,000 square feet of health club space with 6,000 square feet of Marine Commercial uses, it would also add a 5,000 square foot yacht club to the subject parcel, a vital amenity to the Marina. In addition, covered parking is preferable in a setting like the Marina, because there is far less likelihood that runoff will cause auto related contaminants to enter the harbor. The proposed project maintains and improves recreational opportunities in the Marina by preserving all boaters parking on site, upgrading boater showers and restrooms and moving public parking spaces from Parcel OT to Parcel 21, allowing the public easier access to Marina Beach.

Lastly, the proposed plan amendment increases the size of public parking lot GR, thus further increasing visitor-serving and recreational opportunities in the Marina.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

##### **Approval**

The following recommendation is made prior to the public hearing and is subject to change based upon testimony and/or documentary evidence presented at the public hearing.

Staff recommends APPROVAL of Coastal Development Permit No. 200600003-(4), Conditional Use Permit No. 200600223-(4) and Parking Permit No. 200600015-(4) subject to the attached conditions. Staff also recommends that the Regional Planning Commission prepare a resolution recommending approval of Plan Amendment No. 200600010-(4) to the Board of Supervisors.

#### **SUGGESTED MOTIONS**

<b>I move that the public hearing be continued to a date certain and that Regional</b>
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**Planning Commission instruct staff to prepare the Final Environmental Impact Report and prepare a resolution recommending the approval of Plan Amendment No. 200600010-(4) to the Board of Supervisors and prepare findings and conditions of approval for Coastal Development Permit No. 200600003-(4), Conditional Use Permit No. 200600223-(4) and Parking Permit No. 200600015-(4).**

If you need further information, please call Mr. Michael Tripp of my staff at (213) 974-4813 or [mtripp@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:mtripp@planning.lacounty.gov). Department office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Department is closed on Fridays.

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Attachments:

1. Correspondence from the Department of Beaches and Harbors
2. Response by DRP Staff
3. Response by Envicom



# ATTACHMENT 1



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**Santos H. Kreimann**  
Director

**Kerry Silverstrom**  
Chief Deputy

October 27, 2009

Regional Planning Commission  
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Dear Commissioners:

As co-applicants for Parcels OT and 21 in Marina del Rey, and as sole applicant for the Local Coastal Program Amendment for Parcel OT, the County of Los Angeles, Department of Beaches and Harbors, respectfully requests that the Commission reconsider the hearing date established on October 21, 2009 for this project.

At the hearing, and after the public hearing portion had closed, the Commission discussed continuance to a certain date. It continued this item to February 10, 2010 to follow another much larger Department item to be heard on February 3, 2010. The Commission lost its quorum at 1 p.m. that day, preventing the applicants from answering the Commission's questions. The Department was ready and able to answer those questions the day of the hearing, and believes that had a response to those questions been made, the Commission would have been satisfied with the answers.

We respectfully request that the Commission reconsider the extended continuance of this Parcel OT and 21 item. First, although the rationale for the long hearing continuance was the loss of public parking, in fact this item does not eliminate public parking at all. The proposed projects are staggered in terms of implementation, and replace every space that is currently on the ground, albeit with respect to 94 spaces in a different location more convenient to users of Mothers' Beach. We do not believe that the issues presented are the same. Additionally, we will incorporate into the final EIR our pro-forma response to the comments made in the Department of Toxic Substances Control's October 12, 2009 letter to the Department of Regional Planning.

We understand that this request, if accepted, may require noticing those who attended the meeting or sent in written comments. We request a hearing date of December 9, 2009 for this item. If a presentation from the Department of Beaches and Harbors on the Right Sizing Parking Study would assist the Commission, we would be pleased to provide such a presentation.

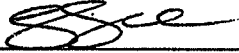


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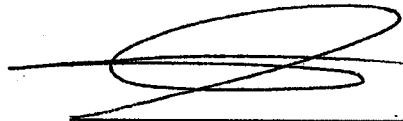
We await your response to our request. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Gary Jones, Deputy Director, at (310) 574-6787.

Very truly yours,

SANTOS H. KREIMANN, DIRECTOR



Gary Jones  
Deputy Director



Sherman Gardner  
Co- Applicant

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c: Jon Sanabria, Acting Director  
Regional Planning Department

## ATTACHMENT 2

### Department of Regional Planning Response to Issues Raised during the October 21, 2009 Public Hearing on Marina del Rey Parcels OT and 21

The following questions and statements were made by the public and members of the Commission during the October 21, 2009 public hearing regarding the Oceana Retirement Facility and the Holiday Harbor Courts commercial project on Marina del Rey Parcels OT and 21. This list represents the major issues that were raised at the hearing.

1. How does the height of the proposed senior facility on Parcel OT compare with other buildings in the vicinity?

**Staff Response:** The proposed building is approximately 67 feet tall on the Admiralty Way frontage and 75 feet tall on the Washington Blvd frontage. Buildings in the immediate area are of the following heights:

**North:** Residences in the City of Los Angeles are located to the north of the site. The residences located across Washington Blvd are varying in height from one to two stories.

**East:** To the east of the project site is the Oxford Basin and the Ritz Carlton. The Ritz is 166 feet in height.

**South:** To the south are the Marina City Club buildings at 172 to 182 feet in height and the FantaSea Yachts and Organic Panificio buildings are approximately two stories in height.

**West:** To the west of the project site, is the Marina International Hotel at 40 feet in height, Villas at Admiralty Way at 61 to 73 feet in height and the Marriott at 152 feet in height. (Please see attached map)

2. Public parking spaces on Parcel OT should be preserved so that they may be available to Marina visitors that wish to visit the Oxford Basin after it is rehabilitated by the Department of Public Works.

**Staff Response:** The proposed project will maintain 92 public parking spaces onsite. In addition, the western side of the Oxford Basin is bordered by a 120-space public parking lot.

3. The California Coastal Commission and the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program (LCP) only allows public parking lots to be turned into parks.

**Staff Response:** The Marina del Rey Land Use Plan is contradictory in that in some places it contemplates converting parking lots to residential uses and in other parts, it states that the lots may only be converted to parks. The proposed project requires a plan amendment to the LCP to change Parcel OT's land use from, "Parking," to, "Senior Accommodations Facility." This amendment requires approval by the Board of Supervisors and the California Coastal Commission.

4. The proposed project will result in a loss of public parking.

**Staff Response:** As proposed, the project will not result in the loss of any public parking spaces. Parcel OT is currently developed with 186 parking spaces. The project is proposing to maintain 92 public spaces onsite and to replace the remaining 94 spaces on Parcel 21 near Marina Beach.

5. The Parcel 21 project should not be reviewed because it does not include the waterside (docks) portion of the project. The applicant is not telling the Planning Commission that they are intending to reduce boater parking spaces from 140 dedicated spaces to 75.

**Staff Response:** The California Coastal Commission retains permitting authority over the waterside areas of Marina del Rey. Any proposed change to the configuration of the docks requires a Coastal Development Permit issued by the Coastal Commission rather than the Regional Planning Commission.

The applicant is proposing to replace all 183 boater parking spaces currently available onsite. (Please see the attached Table III-5 of the Draft EIR)

6. The current process is out of order. The Coastal Commission should approve plan amendments before they are considered by the Regional Planning Commission.

**Staff Response:** The Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program is a Los Angeles County document certified by the California Coastal Commission. Consequently, It gives the County the authority to issue Coastal Development Permits within the LCP area. Any proposed changes to this document must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Supervisors. Prior to their reviewing the changes, the Board requires the Regional Planning Commission to evaluate and recommend approval or disapproval of any proposed changes to the document. This is the same process that would be required if a request was made to amend the Los Angeles County General Plan. If the Regional Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors agree to an amendment to the LCP, the amendment must then be brought to the Coastal Commission so that they may ensure that the proposed amendment is consistent with the Coastal Act.

The California Coastal Act requires that proposed amendments to a certified local coastal program undergo a public hearing and receive approval from the local legislative authority prior to submission to the California Coastal Commission for its consideration.

7. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was never released for Parcel OT

**Staff Response:** The RFP for Parcel OT was released on 09/20/2000. On 07/31/2001 the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors were authorized to enter into exclusive negotiations for lease options on Parcel OT. (Please see attached RFP and Authorization for Lease Negotiations)

8. The Design Control Board (DCB) was against this project and did not approve it in its current form. The project returned to the DCB in February 2006 and was not approved.

**Staff Response:** The Design Control Board approved this project on August 18, 2005 (Please see attached minutes).

A phase II plan for Parcel 21 involved the Department of Beaches and Harbors constructing their own public parking lot on the western portion of Parcel 21. The applicant agreed to give control of this area of the lot back to the Department of Beaches and Harbors as part of the Phase I development. The phase II project was heard by the DCB on February 16, 2006, but never moved past the DCB review. Currently, the Department of Beaches and Harbors is not planning to build a second parking structure on the western portion of Parcel 21.

9. The Design Control Board did not approve this project to have market rate housing. The DCB requested that the county scale back the proposed projects and find different locations for them.

**Staff Response:** The DCB review of this project made no mention of whether or not the proposed project would include market rate housing. Staff can find no record in the DCB minutes of the DCB requesting these projects to be scaled back or placed in different locations.

10. The County is currently preparing a Major LCP amendment for "Pipeline" projects that contains a Cumulative Impact Assessment. No projects should be considered by the Regional Planning Commission until after they have reviewed the Major LCP Amendment and Cumulative Impact Assessment.

**Staff Response:** The proposed projects on Parcels OT and 21 were submitted to the Department of Regional Planning in 2006. Since that time, the applications have been deemed complete and a Draft Environmental Impact Report has been completed and circulated for public review.

The Permit Streamlining Act and the California Environmental Quality Act do not allow the Department of Regional Planning to place projects on hold indefinitely once an application has been deemed complete. "Pipeline" projects are not precluded from being processed independently of each other as they are required by CEQA to analyze each project's impacts along with cumulative impacts of all identified related projects.

11. The Department of Toxic Substances submitted a letter on October 14, 2009 that expressed concerns about possible soil toxicity. How will this letter be addressed?

The Final Draft Environmental Impact Report will address the concerns raised by the Department of Toxic Substances. In addition, the Mitigation Monitoring Program will include the suggested mitigation measures mentioned in the letter.





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## ATTACHMENT 3

November 24, 2009

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning  
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Attn: Mr. Michael Tripp

Subj: Responses to Comments Received During the October 21, 2009 Planning  
Commission Hearing – Marina Parcels OT/21

Dear Mr. Tripp:

Pursuant to comments received during testimonies provided on Agenda Items #10 and #11 from the October 21, 2009 Planning Commission hearing, we have prepared the attached responses. As noted in the responses, additional information will be provided at the December 16, 2009 Planning Commission hearing.

Sincerely,

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## **RESPONSES TO COMMENTS**

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
PUBLIC HEARING  
OCTOBER 21, 2009**

**AGENDA ITEMS 10 & 11: PROPOSED PROJECT ON PARCELS OT & 21**



**Testifier Ruth Galanter**

**In Support of the Proposed Project:** And I want to speak strongly in support of both of these projects because I believe that this is an opportunity to provide recreational access to people who do not need to drive to the beach.

The comments in support of the proposed project are noted.

**Testifier Dr. Gottlieb**

**Construction Phase Hauling:** I searched on 4,446 cubic yards and it has many different positions. It comes up four times and one time we're told that the 4,446 cubic yards is the sum of something from Parcel OT and from Parcel 21; whereas the original thing has it as just coming from Parcel 21, something like that...4,446 cubic yards of waste involves, I think, the Parcel 21. And the 7,768 cubic yards of soil is mentioned for the -- as the export of soil from Parcel OT. Now, OT is only going to have 74 loads, while the other one -- 21 -- is going to have 647 loads. But the obvious thing to do is to divide the number of cubic yards by the number of truckloads and find out what the value of the truck is. There's nowhere in the Volume I of the DEIR, which says how big these trucks are, what their noise volume is, what their traffic thing is.

As stated on page III-32 of the Draft EIR, demolition activities associated with redevelopment of Parcels OT and 21 would result in the hauling of 4,446 cubic yards (c.y.) of waste (246 c.y. for Parcel OT and 4,200 c.y. for Parcel 21). Grading activities for Parcels OT and 21 would result in exporting 7,768 c.y. of soil (6,500 c.y. for Parcel OT and 1,268 c.y. for Parcel 21). This information is internally consistent and references to the 4,446 c.y. estimate be found on pages IV.B-9 and IV.D-12 of the Draft EIR. The project (i.e., Parcel OT and 21 combined), is expected to generate 4,446 c.y. of waste and would require 74 loads; during grading 7,768 c.y. of soil export are expected and would require 647 loads. Generally, dirt weighs approximately 2,600 to 3,000 lbs. per c.y. and debris weighs approximately 250 to 500 lbs. per c.y. The actual weight varies depending on the water content of the soil and the type of debris being hauled; however, the weights described are generally accepted in the trucking industry. Soils would be hauled by a bottom dump truck that will hold approximately 11 to 12 c.y. and debris would be hauled by an end dump truck that holds approximately 60 c.y. The typical street weight limit including the truck is 80,000 lbs and the trucks weigh about 30,000 lbs leaving about 50,000 lbs for debris or soil. Typically a full load of dirt is between 28,000 and 33,000 lbs depending on water content in the soil.

As discussed on page IV.B-10 of the Noise section in the Draft EIR, Assuming a 35 mile per hour (mph) travel speed, the above number of trucks would provide the following noise signature at 50 feet from the roadway centerline: 49.7 dB CNEL during demolition and 54.7 dB CNEL during grading. The maximum potential project impact attributed to truck hauling activity noise during demolition and construction is +0.3 dB CNEL. This is less than the significance threshold of +3 dB CNEL. The Draft EIR concluded that truck haul noise during both the 15 days of grading activities and seven days of demolition activity would therefore be less than significant. Construction of the project would require the designation of construction vehicle and haul routes and construction period management of roadways, sidewalks, and public transportation routes. The Draft EIR determined that the proposed project would result in potentially significant, but temporary, construction traffic impacts that would be reduced to a less-than-significant level through the implementation of Mitigation Measure TA-1. With respect to truck size, it is anticipated that standard sized heavy-duty diesel haul trucks would be used during construction.

**Testifier John Rizzo**

**Affordable Housing:** We need affordable housing, and today, we need affordable housing more than ever. We need affordable -- and it's public land. It's supposed to be affordable.

As discussed in section IV.K, Land Use, the proposed project does not include an affordable housing component. The project is requesting that Parcel OT be re-zoned with a new Active Seniors Accommodations designation; with approval, dwelling units in this zone would not be considered residential uses for purposes of assessing affordable housing requirements and impacts would be less than significant.

[[NOTE: The Applicant will further address this comment at the hearing on December 16, 2009.]]

**Testifier John Rizzo**

**Parking on Parcel OT:** That lot on [Parcel OT] on peak days is totally full. Underutilized? There's no parking on it [the parking lot on Parcel OT]. And so what I'm saying is this. Is that we need that parking lot for public parking for the beach, for that 14 million dollar park [the Oxford Basin project] we're making.

The parking analysis in the Draft EIR concluded that the project would not reduce area parking capacity as it would replace all of the parking spaces that would be removed with project development. The project would provide 92 spaces on Parcel OT, which would be clearly marked with appropriate signage for easy access by the public, and 94 public spaces on Parcel 21, which is located to the south of Parcel OT on Panay Way. The relocation of 94 spaces to Parcel 21 is expected to provide safer and more convenient parking for Mother's Beach, as visitors will no longer have to cross two public streets, as is currently the case with the public parking on Parcel OT.

With respect to the Oxford Basin project, the Project design, including parking, and implementation requires approval from and coordination with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and the County Department of Beaches and Harbors. Additionally, the Oxford Basin project is in the conceptual stage and not underway such that it would be considered a "related project."

[[NOTE: The Applicant will further address this comment at the hearing on December 16, 2009.]]

**Testifier John Nahas**

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As discussed in section IV.K, Land Use, the proposed project does not include an affordable housing component. The project is requesting that Parcel OT be re-zoned with a new Active Seniors Accommodations designation; with approval, dwelling units in this zone would not be considered residential uses for purposes of assessing affordable housing requirements.

**Testifier John Nahas**

**Land Use Plan on Parcel OT:** The Coastal Commission was very clear on what they asked for parking lots, and what could be designated for parking lots. It's very clear in the Local Coastal Program that you were supposed to oversee. Parking lots can only be turned into what? They can only be turned into parks.

Though the Land Use Plan (LUP) of the Local Coastal Program contemplated the potential conversion of Parcel OT to residential uses and states that it was underutilized throughout most of the year, the testifier is correct in that the LUP states that no designated public parking areas, including Parcel OT, shall be converted to uses other than public parking or public park purposes. However, as discussed in section IV.K, Land Use, of the Draft EIR, the 1995 California Coastal Commission staff report (revised findings, Marina del Rey LCPA 1-94, December 1995) states that public parking on Parcel OT will be converted to commercial and residential uses. Additionally, the County Department of Beaches and Harbors set forth a Request for Proposals (RFP) in June 2000 for development of hotel/motel, restaurant, retail, and/or other uses on Parcel OT.

[[NOTE: The Applicant will further address this comment at the hearing on December 16, 2009.]]

**Testifier John Nahas**

**Parking on Parcel OT:** The public was told and given this opportunity that OT would be for the lagoon -- for the new, redeveloped lagoon...they're going to have a lot of these new participants in this area. Where's the parking for them? We need that parking lot to stay for the public area, for the public arena. We're losing parking here. You're saying that we're somehow going to retain parking. Where?

The parking analysis in the Draft EIR concluded that the project would not reduce area parking capacity as it would replace all of the parking spaces that would be removed with project development. The project would provide 92 spaces on Parcel OT, which would be clearly marked with appropriate signage for easy access by the public, and 94 public spaces on Parcel 21, which is located to the south of Parcel OT on Panay Way. The relocation of 94 spaces to Parcel 21 is expected to provide safer and more convenient parking for Mother's Beach, as visitors will no longer have to cross two public streets, as is currently the case with the public parking on Parcel OT.

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Additionally, the Oxford Basin project is in the conceptual stage and not underway such that it would be considered a "related project."

**Testifier John Nahas**

**Parking on Parcel OT (Fantasea Yachts):** The parking lot is currently being utilized by Fantasy Yachts.

The proposed project would replace all of the parking spaces that would be removed with project development, including parking associated with FantaSea Yachts and Yacht Club. The project would provide 92 spaces on Parcel OT, which would be clearly marked with appropriate signage for easy access by the public, and 94 public spaces on Parcel 21, which is located to the south of Parcel OT on Panay Way. It should be noted that, in addition to the use of these spaces for Mother's Beach and special events, the FantaSea Yachts and Yacht Club retains a Coastal Development Permit for the non-exclusive right to use up to 92 public parking spaces on Parcel OT after 6:00 pm and on weekends and holidays. See also Response to Comment Letter No.1

**Testifier John Nahas**

**Open Space on Parcels OT & P:** Staff has said is that they're going to fence off the lagoon. Walling off on the Marina. The destruction of open space is continuing this walling off.

The chain link fence that currently surrounds the Oxford Retention Basin area would remain in place with project development. The project would not preclude existing access through the construction of walls. As discussed in section IV.K, Land Use, the proposed project would adjust Parcel OT boundary to include 19,755 s.f. of Parcel P, which is designated open space in the LCP. The proposed building would encroach approximately 30 to 35 feet (or 9,397 s.f.) into what is currently Parcel P, leaving approximately 20 to 25 feet for a pathway and transitional landscaping compatible with the future enhancement of Oxford Basin. Currently, the surface parking lot on Parcel OT encroaches approximately 21 feet into Parcel P (an area of 6,665 s.f.); therefore, the proposed building on Parcel OT would encroach into Parcel P by an additional nine to 14 feet and 2,732 s.f. The Department of Beaches and Harbors intends to offset the reduction of open space on Parcel P via the planned expansion of Burton W. Chace Park.

**Testifier John Nahas**

**Boats Slips and Parking on Parcel 21:** The developer is proposing a reduction in boat slips in Parcel 21. They're not telling you that today -- 50 percent reduction. The loss of 95 boat slips, and more importantly, a reduction of 140 boater-dedicated parking spaces going down to 75 boater-dedicated parking spaces. They're not saying that.

The proposed project would not include the reduction of boat slips or associated boater-dedicated parking spaces. It should be noted that Parcel 21 would provide a surplus of approximately seven spaces above the number required. In addition, through a partial lease termination, Parcel 21 would be reduced by 207 feet, or 31,050 s.f., with a corresponding increase in the area of Parcel GR. Under separate proposal, the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors is considering expanding the number of existing surface parking spaces provided on Parcel GR to include surface

parking on the proposed area of expansion. Therefore, the project would facilitate the provision of additional public parking within the Marina.

**Testifier John Nahas**

**Project Design Review Process:** If you would please, just do some further investigation with Design Control Board (DCB). The DCB had major concerns.

With respect to the comments regarding DCB Approval, on August 18, 2005 the DCB passed a motion unanimously to approve the proposed project in concept. All proposed designs would be subject to review and approval of the DCB to ensure that the project meets the specifications and minimum standards for architectural treatment and construction. See also Response to Comment Letter No. 9

[[NOTE: The Applicant will further address this comment at the hearing on December 16, 2009.]]

**Testifier John Nahas**

**Project Review Process:** [T]his should be going as an LCP amendment to the Coastal Commission and then back to this Planning Commission, not vice versa.

[[NOTE: The Applicant will address this comment at the hearing on December 16, 2009.]]

**Testifier David Barish "We are Marina del Rey"**

**Request for Proposals on Parcel OT:** And as far as I know, there is no RFP submitted for OT.

The County Department of Beaches and Harbors set forth a Request for Proposals (RFP) in June 2000 for development of hotel/motel, restaurant, retail, and/or other uses on Parcel OT as well as several other lots.

**Testifier David Barish "We are Marina del Rey"**

**Project Review Process-Piecemealing:** The piecemealing of the County's overall Marina del Rey redevelopment project. And furthermore, in terms of just the piecemealing, you haven't seen the projects that are going to be -- two additional projects that are proposed for Mother's Beach that are in between these projects. Parcel IR and Mother's Beach, a two-building structure, a hotel, and the Zuker project on Parcel 33 NR, which has not come through yet. Those are major changes all surrounding this area that are not being looked at in a -- in a cumulative fashion by your Commission.

The Draft EIR includes a list of related projects based on information obtained from the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Department, the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and from the Cities of Santa Monica and Culver City (refer to Table IV.H-10). The related projects identified include the hotel development proposed on Parcel IR (related project #14) and mixed-use development proposed on Parcel 33/NR (related project #20). The Draft EIR includes cumulative analyses for each environmental issue area based on the list of related projects and, as such, the project's relationship and any potential impacts related to development on Parcels IR and 33/NR were considered in forming cumulative impact conclusions. It should be noted that the project and related projects within Marina del Rey are subject to review by the Regional Planning Commission. See also Response to Comment Letter No. 9

**Testifier David Barish "We are Marina del Rey"**

**LCP Amendment Cumulative Impact Assessment:** The second thing -- the other thing is that during the LCP amendment there will be a cumulative impact assessment that is being prepared. I don't know what -- what's going to be in it, but they're preparing it. Why are we hearing these projects now before that's done -- before that impact assessment comes before this Commission. It is out of order, and if you proceed today to a final EIR, you are violating [CEQA], Coastal Act, and your own rules. Furthermore, the second reason why we need to continue these -- these projects, is because these projects are part of the bundle of projects, labeled by the L.A. County Department of Beaches and Harbors and Regional Planning as pipeline projects; okay? It is premature and out of order to hear these individual projects now prior to the drafting of a compound LCD amendment that would allow these projects to proceed, let alone prior to any action being taken on it -- by your Commission, by the Board of Supervisors, by the California Coastal Commission -- all required steps that need to be completed before these projects can ultimately be approved.

[[NOTE: The Applicant will address this comment at the hearing on December 16, 2009.]]

**Testifier David Barish "We are Marina del Rey"**

**Project Design Review Process:** First, the Design Control Board (DCB) has not reviewed nor conceptually approved the current project as it is before you today. On August 18, 2005, the DCB agenda was they considered a new building on a severance of the westernmost portion of Parcel 21 for future use as public parking. That was what was approved. And it was confirmed in next month's meeting, when it said, "Approval of the Record of the DCB's August 2005 action for conditional approval of a new building that includes a yacht club, office space, parking, and a public park. The project that was granted conceptual approval was the remaining eastern portion of Parcel 21 to be used for construction of a new building, including yacht club, office space, outside parking for its users, and an adjacent park. The Department of Beaches and Harbors went back to the DCB in February to consider the public parking on the western portion of Parcel 21. That was continued, and it has been continued indefinitely -- it has not gone back. This project as it sits before you has not been reviewed or conceptually approved by the DCB, and I urge you to continue this -- these projects that are integrated together until the DCB sees it and approves it.

The proposed project received conceptual approval from the DCB, on August 18, 2005, which found the project to meet the requirements of the LCP (refer to Appendix A of the Draft EIR). The testifier is correct in that some changes have occurred with respect to the site plan that was submitted at that time; however, the project would be constructed so as to comply with the Marina del Rey LCP height, density, and view corridor requirements. All proposed designs would be subject to review and approval of the DCB to ensure that the project meets the specifications and minimum standards for architectural treatment and construction. See also Response to Comment Letter No. 9.

**Testifier Carla Andress**

**Alternatives to the Proposed Project – Parcel OT:** Alternatives for this site should have been considered: A park-and-ride -- I mean parking. It should be parking. It's close to the beach. You should be able to park there and walk down to the beach or cycle down to the beach from there. You have a bicycle rental there. You have a park-and-ride so that people can get on a shuttle, leave their cars there, and go off to the beach and start relieving the traffic in Venice. And it would honor our LCP, which is a unique idea, with additional open space, the parking that we need, we could -- if there's a little extra space, throw in a few picnic tables so that we can enjoy that atmosphere, along with the Oxford Flood Basin and its expensive renovation.

The proposed project responds to the County Department of Beaches and Harbors' Request for Proposals (RFP) for development of hotel/motel, restaurant, retail, and/or other uses on Parcel OT, as well as several other lots. The Draft EIR considered a reasonable range of feasible alternatives to the project including a "No Project" alternative, under which no development would occur and Parcel OT would remain a parking lot. However, the No Project alternative would not respond the RFP nor fulfill the project's basic objectives.

With respect to the LCP, the Land Use Plan (LUP) contemplated the potential conversion of Parcel OT to residential uses and states that it was utilized throughout most of the year. However, as discussed in section IV.K, Land Use, of the Draft EIR, the 1995 California Coastal Commission staff report (revised findings, Marina del Rey LCPC 1-94, December 1995) states that public parking on Parcel OT will be converted to



commercial and residential uses. [[NOTE: The Applicant will further address this comment at the hearing on December 16, 2009.]]

In terms of outdoor amenities adjacent to the Oxford Basin, the project proposes a landscaped passageway, which would provide opportunities for residents and the general public for walking and passive recreation (such as bird watching). Benches would also be provided.

**Testifier Carla Andress**

**Parcel 21:** As for Parcel 21, you shouldn't consider it -- it shouldn't be considered until the condition for Parcel 20 is fulfilled. Parcel 20 is where the yacht club was going to go. The remainder of 20 was to be marine commercial. The yacht club was anticipated for that, but the yacht club has agreed to move on top of the four-level parking structure. That's their choice. But that does not redesignate marine commercial. It's supposed to be marine commercial; that was one of the conditions. That was the only other condition that he was able to build this 99 units. Parcel 21 eliminates parking for boaters, and takes the modest restroom facilities, which are stand-alone buildings and tucks them into the parking structure, and this violates the certified LCP. The LCP does discuss this issue about restrooms and putting them -- okay. 21 shouldn't be considered until Waterside is considered. 21 Waterside wants to eliminate boater parking and small slips regardless of the Coastal Commission's recommendations.

The proposed project would require the transfer of the yacht club and marine commercial uses from Parcel 20, Phase II, to Parcel 21 and the enlargement of Parcel GR with a corresponding reduction in size of Parcel 21. The proposed project would not include the reduction of boat slips or associated boater-dedicated parking spaces. It should be noted that Parcel 21 would provide a surplus of approximately seven spaces above the number required. In addition, through a partial lease termination, Parcel 21 would be reduced by 207 feet, or 31,050 s.f., with a corresponding increase in the area of Parcel GR. Under separate proposal, the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors is considering expanding the number of existing surface parking spaces provided on Parcel GR to include surface parking on the proposed area of expansion. Therefore, the project would facilitate the provision of additional public parking within the Marina.

**Testifier Nancy Vernon-Moreno "We are Marina del Rey"**

**Land Use on Parcel OT:** I'd like to address the Active Seniors Accommodation Land Use Category.

The County Department of Beaches and Harbors set forth a Request for Proposals (RFP) in June 2000 for development of hotel/motel, restaurant, retail, and/or other uses on Parcel OT as well as several other lots. Due to the nature of the project being a service-oriented residential complex for seniors without a medical care component, neither hotel or senior housing land use singularly describe the uses proposed. Planners often create new land use categories to respond to changing market circumstances and changing ways people live. **[[NOTE: The Applicant will further address this comment at the hearing on December 16, 2009.]]**

**Testifier Nancy Vernon-Moreno "We are Marina del Rey"**

**DCB Approval:** The DCB did not approve a project for market-rate housing, which is what is anticipated here. They also asked the County to revisit approvals of five projects, which did not, as they had been assured, have the required parking on site, and they asked the County to please consider scaling back or finding new locations for these projects. OT was one of those ones that was included in that request.

**[[NOTE: The Applicant will address this comment at the hearing on December 16, 2009.]]**

**Testifier Nancy Vernon-Moreno "We are Marina del Rey"**

**DCB Review-Parking:**

The DCB approved these with, I believe, it's something over 40 parking spaces. I looked and I tried to find how many parking spaces are provided for residents, but it's well under the 114 units. You are going to have a serious parking shortage. They say they follow County Code, but it followed County Code based on being a congregate care-type facility for the old and the infirm.

Regarding the commenter's concern about the amount of parking provided for the proposed active seniors accommodations, this component is unique since it would provide transportation services to residents via limousines that would dramatically reduce the need to own and park a vehicle. Since no rates are set in the parking code for active seniors accommodations that provide this type of transportation service, the parking rate of 0.36 space per unit used in the parking analysis for the proposed project was based on parking observations at a similar retirement facility site. Based on the parking rate of 0.36 spaces per unit, the proposed active seniors accommodations on Parcel OT would require approximately 41 spaces. The project proposes to provide 42 spaces for the active seniors accommodations, or a surplus of two parking spaces above the number of parking spaces required. Thus, sufficient parking would be provided for the active seniors accommodations.

**Testifier Nancy Vernon-Moreno "We are Marina del Rey"**

**Parking on Parcel OT:** The parking lot is underserved by recreation, and we finally have a project moving forward to put some recreation there, and you're taking it away.

The parking analysis in the Draft EIR concluded that the project would not reduce area parking capacity as it would replace all of the parking spaces that would be removed

with project development. The project would provide 92 spaces on Parcel OT, which would be clearly marked with appropriate signage for easy access by the public, and 94 public spaces on Parcel 21, which is located to the south of Parcel OT on Panay Way. The relocation of 94 spaces to Parcel 21 is expected to provide safer and more convenient parking for Mother's Beach, as visitors will no longer have to cross two public streets, as is currently the case with the public parking on Parcel OT.

With respect to the Oxford Basin project, the Project design, including parking, and implementation requires approval from and coordination with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and the County Department of Beaches and Harbors. Additionally, the Oxford Basin project is in the conceptual stage and not underway such that it would be considered a "related project." [[NOTE: The Applicant will further address this comment at the hearing on December 16, 2009.]]

**Testifier Larry Koch**

**In Support of the Proposed Project:** I'm in favor of this project...

The comment in support of the proposed project is noted.

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## REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TRANSMITTAL CHECKLIST

PROJECT NO: R2006-02726

CASE NO. Plan Amendment Case No. 200600010  
Coast Development Permit No. 200600003  
Conditional Use Permit No. 200600223  
Parking Permit No. 200600015

CONTACT PERSON: Michael Tripp

- ☒ STAFF REPORT
- ☐ DRAFT CONDITIONS (If Recommended For Approval)
- ☒ BURDEN OF PROOF STATEMENTS
- ☒ ENVIROMENTAL DOCUMENTATION (Delivered on 09/03/09)
- ☒ THOMAS BROTHERS MAP (Identifying Subject Property)
- ☒ LAND USE RADIUS MAP
- ☒ SITE PLAN
- ☐ PHOTOGRAPHS
- ☐ CORRESPONDENCE
- ☒ ATTACHMENTS
- ☒ VICINITY/GIS MAP
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**APPLICANT**

Holiday-Panay Way Marina, LP

**OWNER**

Los Angeles County

**REPRESENTATIVE**

Frank Hickman

**REQUEST**

**Coastal Development Permit** to authorize the demolition of all existing landside improvements and the construction of a structure with 2,916 sf of retail uses, 11,432 sf of marine commercial uses, a 5,000 square foot yacht club, 6,000 square foot health club, a 447 space 6-level parking structure, an adjacent waterfront public pedestrian promenade, and other site amenities and facilities.

**Conditional Use Permit** to authorize a parking structure; a yacht club; 2,916 square feet of Visitor Serving/ Convenience Commercial uses; and a 10,000 square foot health club on a parcel with a Marine Commercial land use category and a Waterfront Overlay Zone.

**Parking Permit** to authorize transfer of parking spaces from Parcel OT to an offsite location in Marina del Rey (Parcel 21).

**Amendments to the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program:** to authorize the reconfiguration of the parcel boundary line between Marina del Rey Parcels 21 and GR to transfer of 31,050 square feet on the westerly portion of Parcel 21 to Parcel GR in Marina del Rey. In the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan, Parcel 21 is currently designated as Marine Commercial and Parcel GR is designated as Parking. The request will allow the expansion of the Parcel GR public parking lot.

**LOCATION/ADDRESS**

The Parcel is located on Panay Way near the northeast corner of Panay Way and Via Marina. Also known as Marina del Rey Parcel 21

**ACCESS**

Panay Way (south)

**ZONED DISTRICT**

Playa del Rey

**COMMUNITY**

Marina del Rey

**EXISTING ZONING**

SP (Specific Plan) Marine Commercial

**SHAPE**

Rectangular

**TOPOGRAPHY**

Flat

**SIZE**

2.55 acres

**EXISTING LAND USE**

Commercial Facility

**SURROUNDING LAND USES & ZONING**

North: Marina del Rey Basin D

East: SP (Specific Plan) Marine Commercial/Residential III

South: SP (Specific Plan) Residential IV

West: SP (Specific Plan) Parking

**GENERAL PLAN**

**DESIGNATION**

**MAXIMUM  
DENSITY**

**CONSISTENCY**

Countywide

N/A

N/A

N/A

Specific Plan

MC (Marine Commercial)

N/A

Yes

**ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS**

Environmental Impact Report.

**DESCRIPTION OF SITE PLAN**

The site plan depicts the proposed mixed use commercial building and parking structure.

**KEY ISSUES**

- Satisfaction of Section 22.56.040 of Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code, Conditional Use Permit Burden of Proof requirements, 22.56.1020, the Parking Permit Burden of Proof, 22.56.2320, the Coastal Development Burden of Proof, and 22.16.070, the Local Coastal Program Plan Amendment Burden of Proof.

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**STAFF CONTACT PERSON**

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RPC RECOMMENDATION

MEMBERS VOTING AYE

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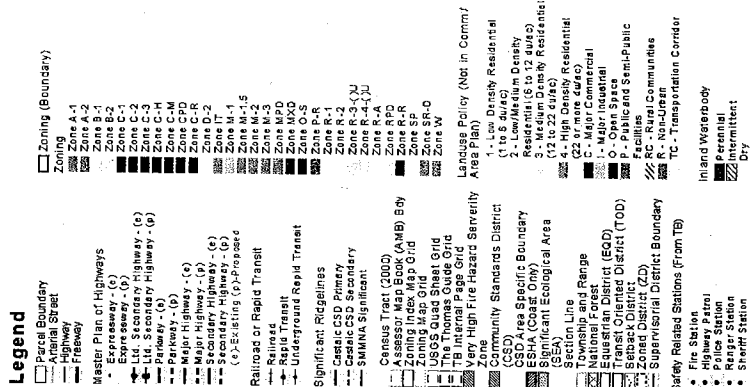
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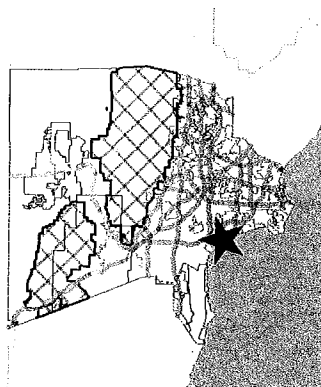
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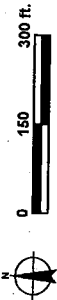


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Conditional Use Permit Case No. 200600223-(4)

Parking Permit Case No. 200600015-(4)

### OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED PROJECT

The applicant, Holiday-Panay Way Marina L.P., is requesting a Coastal Development Permit, Conditional Use Permit, and a Parking Permit to remove all existing landside improvements and develop a new commercial complex with 2,916 square feet of retail uses, 11,432 square feet of marine commercial uses, a 5,000 square foot yacht club, 6,000 square foot health club, an adjacent waterfront public pedestrian promenade, a 447 space six-level parking structure and a public plaza on Marina del Rey Parcel 21. The proposed building is comprised of four levels with the first two levels containing the health club, retail and marine commercial uses, a third floor that is connected to the parking structure and will be used for parking and a fourth floor containing yacht club. Project related grading will require 1,268 cubic yards of earth to be hauled offsite. Parcel 21 has a landside area of 2.55 acres and has 740 feet of water frontage.

To accommodate the proposed development, the applicant has also requested the following amendment to the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan:

- To authorize the revision of the land use boundary between Parcel 21 and Parcel GR. This proposal would move the current boundary line between the two parcels 207 lineal feet, reducing the area of Parcel 21 by 31,050 square feet. Parcel 21 currently has a landside area 2.55 acres and Parcel GR has a landside area 2.36 acres. If the proposed amendment is approved, Parcel 21 will be reduced to 1.84 acres and Parcel GR will be increased to 3.07 acres.

### DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY

#### **Location**

The subject property is located at 14025 Panay Way, also known as Marina del Rey Parcel 21, in Marina del Rey and in the Playa Vista Zoned District.

#### **Physical Features**

The subject property is a rectangular shaped parcel with a total landside area of 2.55 acres. The site is currently developed with two commercial buildings that are two stories in height, two boater serving buildings that are one story in height and a paved at grade parking area with 192 parking spaces. The parking area serves the existing commercial buildings and docks located directly north of the site.

#### **Project Services Availabilities**

Current access to the subject property is via a 26 foot wide drive way and a 18 foot wide drive way off of Panay Way, a private street approximately 50 feet in width which connects to Via Marina (A Secondary Highway), which is approximately 80 feet in width. The subject property is also accessible by boat via the Marina del Rey main channel. The subject property is within an

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urbanized area with all available public services. Pedestrian access to the site is currently available via an eight foot wide walkway which runs along the bulkhead.

Proposed vehicular access to serve the development is also via Panay Way. Pedestrian access is proposed via Panay Way and a 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade.

**ENTITLEMENTS REQUESTED**

- Plan Amendment No. 200600010 is a request to amend the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan to authorize the reconfiguration of the parcel boundary line between Marina del Rey Parcels 21 and GR to transfer of 31,050 square feet on the westerly portion of Parcel 21 to Parcel GR in Marina del Rey. In the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan, Parcel 21 is currently designated as Marine Commercial and Parcel GR is designated as Parking. The request will allow the expansion of the Parcel GR public parking lot.
- Coastal Development Permit No. 200600003 is a request to authorize the demolition and removal of all landside improvements and the construction of a commercial development, consisting of a commercial building, 56 feet in height, a 447 space six-level parking structure, a public plaza and a 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade along the bulkhead. The four level commercial building is comprised of a health club, retail and marine commercial uses on the first floor, retail and marine commercial uses on the second floor, a 49 space parking garage on the third floor, and the top floor will host a yacht club. This building is connected to a six-level parking structure that contains 447 parking spaces.
- Conditional Use Permit No. 200600223 is a request to authorize a parking structure, a yacht club, 2,916 square feet of Visitor-Serving/ Convenience Commercial uses, a health club and offices for boating related activities.
- Parking Permit No. 200600015 is a request to authorize the transfer of the LCP required public parking spaces from Marina del Rey Parcel OT to Parcel 21.

**EXISTING ZONING**

**Subject Property**

Zoning on the subject property is SP (Specific Plan/ Marine Commercial) with a Waterfront Overlay Zone.

**Surrounding Properties**

Surrounding zoning consists of:

North: SP (Water, Open Space, Residential III and Boat Storage)

South: SP (Residential V, Water)

East: SP (Marine Commercial, Residential III, Water)

West: SP (Parking, Residential V)

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### EXISTING LAND USES

#### **Subject Property**

The subject property is a 2.55 acre site that is currently improved with two commercial buildings that are two stories in height and contain a 16,000 square foot health club, 2,916 square feet of retail space and 3,312 square feet of Marine Commercial uses. The site is also developed with two boater serving buildings that are one story in height and a paved at grade parking area with 192 parking spaces.

#### **Surrounding Properties**

Surrounding land uses consist of:

North: Marina del Rey Basin D, Marina Beach, boat storage, and an apartment complex

South: Apartment complex

East: Apartment complexes

West: Public parking and an apartment complex

### **PREVIOUS CASES/ZONING HISTORY**

In April of 1967, Plot Plan 16015 was approved for a 4,056 square foot administration building, two boater serving buildings, a 226 space parking lot and 28,848 square feet of dock space.

### **MARINA DEL REY LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM (LAND USE PLAN)**

#### **Land Use Designation**

The subject property is classified as Marine Commercial with a Waterfront Overlay Zone in the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan. Yacht clubs, parking structures, offices for boating related uses and Visitor Serving/Convenience Commercial uses are permitted on parcels with the, "Marine Commercial," land use category and a Waterfront Overlay Zone provided that a Conditional Use Permit has first been obtained.

The Marine Commercial land use category is intended to permit coastal-related and coastal-dependent uses associated with operation sales, storage and repair of boats and marine support facilities. Common uses in this category are boat launching facilities, boat rentals, boating schools, dry boat storage, yacht clubs, marine chandleries, boat repair yards, yacht brokerages, charter boat operations, and associated ancillary retail and office uses.

The Waterfront Overlay Zone is intended to provide additional flexibility for development of coastal-related and marine-dependent land uses on waterfront parcels. The zone allows uses that are permitted in the Hotel, Visitor-Serving/Convenience Commercial, Open Space, Boat Storage and Marine Commercial land use categories if a Conditional Use Permit is approved.

The subject parcel is located in the Panay Development Zone (DZ). The land use categories found in the Panay DZ are Residential III, Residential IV, Marine Commercial, Parking and Hotel.

The following Local Coastal Plan (LCP) policies are applicable to the proposed project:

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Shoreline Access (Marina del Rey Land Use Plan (LUP) Chapter 1)

- **Public Access to Shoreline a Priority.** Maximum public access to and along the shoreline within the LCP area shall be a priority goal of this plan, balanced with the need for public safety, and protection of private property rights and sensitive habitat resources. This goal shall be achieved through the coordination and enhancement of the following components of a public access system: pedestrian access, public transit, water transit, parking, bikeways, circulation network, public views and directional signs and promotional information. (LUP Chapter 1, Policy 1)

***The site is currently developed with an eight foot wide pedestrian walk way that does not contain benches, rest areas or landscaping. The project improves public access along the entire Parcel 21 bulkhead. The proposed landside improvements include a 28 foot wide public pedestrian promenade which will include directional signage, benches, rest areas and landscaping.***

- Existing public access to the shoreline or water front shall be protected and maintained. All developments shall be required to provide public shoreline access consistent with policy 1. (LUP Chapter 1, Policy 2)

***The project will enhance public pedestrian access to the waterfront by the addition of the proposed 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade and directional signage. Currently, the site is developed with an eight foot wide pedestrian walk way that does not contain benches, rest areas or landscaping. The applicant will also provide benches, rest areas and landscaping along the proposed promenade.***

- All development in the existing Marina shall be designed to improve access to and along the shoreline. All development adjacent to the bulkhead in the existing Marina shall provide pedestrian access ways, benches and rest areas along the bulkhead. (LUP Chapter 1, Policy 3)

***The project improves access to and along the shoreline through the enhanced waterfront pedestrian promenade. The project will also provide benches, rest areas and directional signs along the promenade.***

- All development in the existing Marina shall provide for public access from the first public road to the shoreline along all fire roads and across all dedicated open space areas consistent with the Shoreline Access Improvements, shown on Map 4. (LUP Chapter 1, Policy 4)

***The project provides public access from public roads fronting the project to the shoreline via the Fire Department required access ways. The public may access the coast by taking Via Marina, a public street in the Marina del Rey circulation system to Panay Way, a private street, then across the Fire Department access way to the bulkhead and pedestrian promenade.***

- To further insure improved coastal access, a shuttle bus system shall be established to serve Marina del Rey with connecting service to nearby park-and-ride lots, parks, and local beaches in

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Venice and Playa del Rey. All new visitor serving commercial, hotels, and residential development in Marina del Rey shall, as a condition of development, agree to participate in their proportionate share of the cost of running the shuttle system. (LUP Chapter 1, Policy 11)

***The project will be conditioned to require the applicant to pay a proportional share of the funding of the potential shuttle system through collection of Category 3 traffic mitigation fees. The combined traffic mitigation fees for the projects on Parcels OT and 21 is estimated to be \$122,940.***

- Public awareness of shoreline access ways and public areas shall be promoted by the provision of appropriate signs, outdoor exhibits and brochures. All development in the existing Marina shall be required to incorporate the following informational features to improve the public's awareness of access opportunities and the coastal environment:
  - a. Outdoor maps indicating the location and type of public access ways and parks;
  - b. Identifying and directional signs;
  - c. As appropriate, facilities for brochures and other informational aides; and
  - d. Outdoor exhibits describing historical, biological and recreational aspects of the coastal environment, which should be coordinated and integrated with similar such exhibits which may be established in other areas of Playa Vista project. (LUP Chapter 1, Policy 13)

***The project will incorporate directional signage to enhance public awareness of the public promenade. The applicant will also provide an outdoor map showing locations of public waterfront access ways and parks located in Marina del Rey and will have a kiosk within the commercial complex that will provide information on visitor-serving activities in Marina del Rey. The Marina del Rey Design Control Board has approved the proposed signage for this project.***

- Public opportunities for viewing the Marina's scenic elements, particularly the small craft harbor water areas, shall be enhanced and preserved.
  - a. All development on the waterfront side of Via Marina, Admiralty Way and Fiji Way shall provide windows to the water, wherever possible, while, at the same time, screening unsightly elements such as parking areas and trash receptacles with landscaping.
  - b. All development -- particularly visitor-serving commercial uses -- proposed adjacent to the main channel shall provide additional opportunities and vantage points to public viewing of boating activity.
  - c. All development, redevelopment or intensification on waterfront parcels shall provide an unobstructed view corridor of no less than 20 percent of the parcel's water front providing public views of the Marina boat basins and/or channels. (LUP Chapter 1, Policy 14)

***The proposed project will enhance public viewing areas of the small craft harbor by constructing a 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade along the entire Parcel 21 bulkhead and will have a view corridor greater than 20% of the length of the parcel's***

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***water frontage. Parcel 21 has a lineal water frontage of 740 feet. The propose Plan Amendment would move the parcel's western property line 207 feet to give the proposed parcel a lineal water frontage of 533 feet. The applicant is proposing a 146 foot view corridor which is 27.33% of the lineal frontage.***

Recreation and Visitor-Serving Facilities (Marina del Rey Land Use Plan Chapter 2)

- As defined by the Coastal Act and specified in the specific design guidelines fore each parcel in the Local Implementation Program, new development shall provide additional recreational opportunities including trails, bikeways (additions and/or extensions of existing bike path), open space/park areas and viewing areas as appropriate. Adequate support facilities (bike storage lockers, drinking fountains, etc.) shall be provided. (LUP Chapter 2, Policy 2)

***The project provides additional recreational opportunities in the form of viewing areas by the addition of the 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade with amenities such as benches and rest areas. In addition, the project will be conditioned to provide drinking fountains and bike racks along the promenade.***

- All development, including redevelopment, expansion projects or new construction, shall be subject to the applicable parking requirements set forth in Los Angeles County Code, Title 22 (Zoning), as certified by the Commission in Appendix B of the Specific Plan. In addition, public recreation areas shall be supported with visible public parking consistent with the standards of Title 22, except that boat launch, boat storage, and marina parking and design shall be provided as specified in the Dept. of Beaches and Harbors' Specification and Minimum Standards of Architectural Treatment and Construction, adopted in 1989. (LUP Chapter 2, Policy 6)

***Title 22 requires four spaces per 1,000 square feet of retail, 2.5 spaces per 1,000 square feet of office space and 0.75 parking spaces per boat slip. The proposed project has 2,916 square feet of retail space (12 spaces required per code), 11,432 square feet of Marine Commercial Office (29 spaces required per code), and 241 boat slips (181 spaces required per code. These uses require a total of 222 spaces. The applicant is proposing to provide 227 spaces for these uses.***

***Yacht clubs and health clubs require one parking space for each three persons based on occupancy load. The exact parking requirement for the proposed 5,000 square foot yacht club and 10,000 square foot health club cannot be calculated because the occupancy loads are not known. The applicant is requesting to provide 106 spaces for the yacht club, based on the number of spaces required for the existing 5,000 square foot yacht club on Parcel 20 and 20 spaces for the proposed health club, based on the 16 spaces currently provided for the existing 16,000 square foot health club.***

***Lastly, the applicant will provide 94 public parking spaces which are proposed to be moved from Parcel OT to Parcel 21. Based on these figures, the applicant is required to provide approximately 438 spaces. The applicant is proposing to provide 447 spaces.***



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### Recreational Boating (Marina del Rey Land Use Plan Chapter 3)

- **Recreational Boating a Top Priority.** Recreational boating shall be emphasized as a priority use throughout the planning and operation of the Marina. To help achieve this goal, the Plan shall strive to ensure that adequate support facilities and services are provided including but not limited to, the following: boat slips, fueling stations, boat repair yards, boat dry storage yards, launch ramps, boat charters, day-use rentals, equipment rentals and on-going maintenance of the marina harbor and entrance channel, bulkhead repair, pollution control, safety and rescue operations, and sufficient parking for boaters. Emphasis shall be given to providing water access for the small boat owner through provisions of public ramp facilities. (LUP Chapter 3, Policy 1)

*The applicant is proposing to provide restrooms and showers for boaters in the nearby anchorage. In addition, the project included 11,342 square feet of Marine Commercial uses and a 5,000 square foot yacht club.*

### Marine Resources (Marina del Rey Land Use Plan Chapter 4)

- All development shall include measures consistent with the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan and the programs of the Department of Public Works to reduce contaminated runoff into bay and Ballona Creek waters, including filtration of low flows, control and filtration of runoff from parking lots and roofs, reduction of impervious surfaces, and provision of pump out facilities, and other necessary measures to reduce harmful pollutants from storm drain waters prior to these waters entering the Marina. (LUP Chapter 4, Policy 2)

*The applicant has prepared a drainage plan for the project which has been approved by the Department of Public Works and will be required to comply with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board's National Pollution Discharge Elimination Requirements.*

### Cultural Heritage Resources (Marina del Rey Land Use Plan Chapter 7)

- Proposed projects shall be reviewed for potential cultural resource impacts through the County environmental review process. Appropriate environmental documentation and reasonable mitigation measures shall be required as determined by the Department of Regional Planning and the State Historic Preservation Office. These mitigation measures shall be incorporated into any development approved pursuant to the certified local coastal program. (LUP Chapter 7, Policy 1)

*The Draft Environmental Impact Report for this project determined that no known cultural or archaeological resources exist on or near the project site and mitigation measures are included if such resources are encountered during project implementation. Appropriate measures will be taken to ensure that if any item is found, they will be catalogued and all required agencies and organizations will be notified.*

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- To insure proper surface site recordation, the State Historic Preservation Office shall be notified; along with Regional Planning, if any resource is discovered during any phase of development construction. A professional archaeologist shall be retained to monitor any earth-moving operations in the study area. A halt-work condition shall be in place in the event of cultural resource discovery during construction. (LUP Chapter 7, Policy 3)

***The project will be conditioned to require that all work be stopped and the Department of Regional Planning and State Historic Preservation Office be noticed in the event that any item of cultural or archaeological significance is found.***

**Land Use Plan (Marina del Rey Land Use Plan Chapter 8)**

- **Preservation of the Small Craft Harbor facility a Priority.** The primary purpose of the Land Use Plan shall be to maintain Marina del Rey as a Small Craft harbor for recreational purposes. A secondary purpose shall be to promote and provide visitor-serving facilities. (LUP Chapter 8, Policy 1)

***This proposed project will encourage recreation in the Marina by providing a 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade, boater showers and bathrooms, boater parking, 94 public parking spaces and a yacht club.***

- Maintenance of the physical and economic viability of the marina a priority. Lessees shall be encouraged to replace structures and facilities which are physically or economically obsolete. (LUP Chapter 8, Policy 2)

***The existing commercial center was built in the late 1960's and only provides an eight foot wide pedestrian walkway and uncovered parking. This modern commercial center will provide a 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade, covered parking spaces, improved boater restrooms and showers. In addition, the current facility contains a 16,000 square foot health club and 5,432 square feet of Marine Commercial uses. The proposed facility will have a 10,000 square foot health club and 11,432 square feet of additional Marine Commercial uses. This will increase the economic viability of the Marina by providing a modern facility with additional Marina serving uses.***

- **Design Control Board.** The Design Control Board, appointed by the Board of Supervisors, shall review all new development proposals, including renovations, for consistency with the Manual for Specifications and Minimum Standards of Architectural Treatment and Construction and the certified LCP, including the identity and accessibility of the Marina as a public boating and recreational facility, and shall recommend such modifications to the design as they deem appropriate.

Such review shall be completed prior to any application for development being submitted to the Department of Regional Planning for case processing. (LUP Chapter 8, Policy 6)

***The project has received conceptual design approval Marina del Rey Design Control Board. Design Control Board recommendation is attached (Attachment A)***

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Coastal Visual Resources (Marina del Rey Land Use Plan Chapter 9)

- **Views of the Harbor a Priority.** Maintaining and enhancing views of the Marina shall be a priority goal of this Plan. Enhancing the ability of the public to experience and view the Marina waters shall be a prime consideration in the design of all new, modified or expanded development. This goal shall be achieved by placing conditions on permits for new development to enhance public viewing, to allow for greater public access and to create new view corridors of the waterfront. (LUP Chapter 9, Policy 1)

*The project increases public access to the Marina by providing 94 public parking spaces onsite, providing a 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade and giving 31,050 of Parcel 21's area to the public parking lot on Parcel GR. In addition, the project complies with the LCP's view corridor policy by providing a 27.33% view corridor. The policy states that a building's maximum height may be increase 1.5 feet for each 1% increase in the view corridor over 20%. The applicant's proposed 27.33% of view corridor allows an additional 11 feet of building height which accommodates the project's maximum roof height of 56 feet.*

- All development shall incorporate harbor views from streets and pedestrian access ways consistent with security and safety considerations. All development, redevelopment or intensification on waterfront parcels shall provide an unobstructed view corridor of no less than 20 percent of the parcel's water front providing public views of the Marina boat basins and/or channels. (LUP Chapter 9, Policy 6)

*The project includes a 27.33% unobstructed view corridor and a 28 foot pedestrian promenade along the parcels entire waterfront. This will provide views of the harbor from Panay Way and is wholly consistent with the above-mentioned LCP policy.*

- **Wind Factor.** Development shall not significantly increase infringements of wind access for boats in their berths, in the fairways, or in the Main Channel. Wind studies shall be required to determine the significant adverse impact of taller buildings on wind currents and sailing by small boats within the Marina. All structures proposed at heights greater than 45 feet shall determine the cumulative impact of taller buildings on wind currents within the Marina. Development shall only be approved if all identified significant adverse impacts, including cumulative impacts of a pattern of higher buildings, are fully mitigated. (LUP Chapter 9, Policy 9)

*Parcel 21 is located north of Marina del Rey Basin C and south of Marina del Rey Basin D. An assessment of the proposed Parcel 21 development was conducted by the engineering firm Rowen, Williams, Davies and Irwin. The analysis studied the projects potential impacts on winds coming from the east, west, southwest and west-southwest directions. The analysis concluded that the Parcel 21 project will have an insignificant impact in either Basins C or D on winds coming from the east and west directions. The analysis further concluded that due to the similar height of the approved development directly south of Parcel 21, the project will have only a minimal impact on winds from the southwest and west-southwest in Basins C and D.*

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- As a prerequisite to all development approval of a flood control, runoff and storm drain plan by the Department of Public Works consistent with the Santa Monica Bay Recovery Plan Shall be required. (LUP Chapter 10, Policy 1)

***Prior to construction, the applicant will be required to obtain permits from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW). DPW will require the applicant to submit flood control, runoff and storm drain plans for their approval before any building permits are issued.***

- Future development shall be based on thorough site specific geologic and soils studies, including specific geotechnical studies related to mitigation of liquefaction and lateral spreading. (LUP Chapter 10, Policy 2)

***To mitigate possible geologic hazards, the applicant will be required to implement geotechnical engineering recommendations related to secondary geologic hazards (liquefaction, lateral spreading, and ground subsidence) that are recommended by the geotechnical engineer and the Department of Public Works. A geologic report approved by DPW will be required prior to any construction.***

**Circulation (Marina del Rey Land Use Plan Chapter 11)**

- Development shall not be approved that will exceed the capacity of the internal Marina del Rey street system. The total potential for additional units and amount of commercial and residential development allocated under this Local Coastal Program will generate a traffic impact within Marina del Rey than can be mitigated within the Marina by the improvements listed in Policy 2 below shall be allocated proportionately among the development approved within the LCP area such that each approvable development constructs or contributes its fair share of the improvements which are expected to fully mitigate the direct impact the development is expected to have on traffic within Marina del Rey. (LUP Chapter 11, Policy 1)

***The Draft Environmental Impact Report concluded that the proposed project will not cause an increase in traffic that will exceed the capacity of the internal Marina del Rey street system. In fact, a traffic study conducted by Crain and Associates predicted that the Parcel 21 portion of the proposed project would result in a net decrease of 11 p.m. trips.***

- Category 3 Sub-regional Transportation and Circulation Improvements-Cumulative Impacts:

Development shall not be approved that will significantly exceed the capacity of the sub-regional street system. Traffic impacts, generated by development in the LCP study area, upon the circulation system outside the unincorporated area of Marina del Rey, shall be mitigated by the developer prior to receiving final discretionary permits. (LUP Chapter 11, Policy 3)

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***The applicant will be conditioned to pay traffic mitigation fees to fund Category 3 transportation improvements, as is required by the LCP. This requirement has been included in the draft conditions and also as part of the mitigation measures. The combined Parcels OT and 21 projects will be required to pay \$170,700 in traffic mitigation fees.***

**Public Works (Marina del Rey Land Use Plan Chapter 12)**

- This Land Use Plan includes a phasing program. Necessary public works facilities shall be provided at the same time as the development creating the need for the public facility occurs. (LUP Chapter 12, Policy 2)

***Necessary public works improvements such as new fire hydrants, a 5.5-foot sidewalk along the entire Panay Way parcel frontage and new underground utility lines will be required to be completed prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for this project. The Department of Public Works has reviewed the proposed development and their recommendations are included in the draft conditions.***

- Water conservation technology shall be employed in all development, including landscaping and irrigation, that increases water use of the parcel. Design of new development requiring the installation and operation of additional water service shall be reviewed for water conservation. (LUP Chapter 12, Policy 6).

***The proposed project will be conditioned to require water-conserving technology as part of the landscape plan approval. The project will be required to have a landscaped area greater than or equal to 2,500 square feet that is in accordance with the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.***

- **Sprinklers.** All new development shall be required to provide fire sprinklers consistent with the specifications of the Fire Department. Remodeling or expansion projects involving 50 percent or more of the existing floor area of the structure shall be subject to review by the Fire Dept. for sprinkler requirements. (LUP Chapter 12, Policy 10)

***The proposed project will have fire sprinklers and other fire suppression systems in conformance with LCP and Fire Department requirements. Prior to construction, the applicant must submit architectural plans for review and approval to the Fire Prevention Engineering Division of the Los Angeles County Fire Department and must demonstrate adequate fire flow availability of the water lines at the site.***

**SITE PLAN****General Description**

The applicant's site plan depicts the two proposed structures which consist of a 29,348 square foot commercial center on the western side of the parcel and a six-level parking structure containing 447 spaces located on the eastern portion of the parcel the 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade. The two structures are connected by a ramp on the third level which is dedicated to parking. The proposed structures have a maximum roof height of 56' above grade. The façade extends to a

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maximum height of 59 feet. The proposed commercial building is comprised of four levels with the first two levels containing the health club, retail and marine commercial uses, a third floor dedicated to parking, with 49 parking spaces, and the fourth floor containing a yacht club. The first floor of the commercial building also depicts the proposed boater restrooms and showers. The plan depicts the yacht club as consisting of a large dining room, commercial kitchen, office, food storage area, public and employee restrooms, and a large deck which extends along the entire fourth floor.

Vehicular access to the site is provided via a driveway on Panay Way. Pedestrian access is via a 5.5 foot wide side walk that runs along the entire Panay Way frontage and a 28 foot wide pedestrian promenade that runs along the parcel's bulkhead. Pedestrians may access the pedestrian promenade from the sidewalk via two fired department access ways located at the east and west ends of the parcel.

**Compliance with Applicable Zoning Codes**

Pursuant to Section 22.46.1450 of the County Code, establishments in the Marine Commercial Land Use Category are subject to the following development standards.

- Building height is limited to a maximum of 45 feet;
- Front, rear and side yard setbacks shall be a minimum of 5 feet, in addition to the required highway and promenade setback;
- View corridors, public open space areas and/or access ways required in this Specific Plan may be designed and integrated with the required front, side and rear yard setbacks or located elsewhere on the property if such design will enhance visual and physical access to the shoreline;

***The two buildings proposed along Panay Way are shown as 56 feet in height. These buildings are proposed on the current Marine Commercial land use category. This exceeds the maximum standard height of 45' permitted in the Marine Commercial Land Use Category. Section 22.46.1060.E.5.c (Communitywide Design Guidelines) permits structures on properties with a 45 foot height limit to increase their height by 1.5 feet for every addition 1% of view corridor that is provided in an addition to the mandatory 20%. The 27.33% view corridor allows the addition 11 feet of building height, which accommodates the projects proposed height.***

- Marine Commercial uses shall not reduce the amount of land area devoted to existing visitor-serving, boating or coastal-dependent marine commercial uses

A. With the exception of facilities located on Parcels 1, 54, 56 and 55, which shall be preserved on site, boating facilities may be relocated in conjunction with development so long as the same or larger boating facility is replaced within the marina, and water and/or anchorage access necessary to allow the use to operate is preserved,

**Boating facilities, such as boater parking, restrooms and showers are not proposed to be removed in conjunction with this project. The applicant is proposing to replace all existing marine commercial uses and increase the square footage of marine commercial uses on the site. The existing structures on Parcel 21 consist of a 16,000 square foot**

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health club, 2,916 square feet of retail space, and 3,132 square feet of marine commercial uses, for a total of 22,048 square feet of space. The proposed structure will consist of a 10,000 square foot health club, 2,916 square feet of retail space, 11,432 square feet of Marine commercial uses and a 5,000 square foot yacht club. This results in a total of 29,348 square feet, with a significant increase in marine related uses.

B. Any project which relocates an existing coastal-dependent boating use, including but not limited to boat launching, boat storage, boater parking and access, shall be phased so that said use is replaced within the Marina before the development which displaces it may commence,

**The applicant is not proposing to relocate an existing coastal-dependent boating use on the project site and the project will not impact nearby coastal-dependent boating uses.**

C. Visitor-serving uses shown on LUP Map 5, Existing/Proposed Visitor-Serving Facilities, shall be preserved or replaced on-site, as part of redevelopment,

**The Visitor-serving uses shown on LUP Map 5 will not be impacted by this development.**

D. Other existing recreation, visitor-serving and marine commercial facilities not shown on LUP Map 6 may be relocated in conjunction with development as long as the use is replaced within the marina before the development which displaces it may commence. (Ord. 95-0042 § 1 (part), 1995; Ord. 90-0158 § 1 (part), 1990.)

**The project is not proposing to relocate any existing recreation, visitor-serving or marine commercial facilities**

### **BURDEN OF PROOF (CDP)**

Pursuant to 22.56.2410 of the Los Angeles County Code, the applicant must meet the burden of proof requirements for a Coastal Development Permit.

1. That the proposed development is in conformity with the certified local coastal program.
2. That any development, located between the nearest public road and the sea or shoreline of any body of water located within the coastal zone, is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3 of Division 20 of the Public Resources Code as follows:

"In carrying out the requirements of Section 4 of Article X of the California Constitution, maximum access, which shall be conspicuously posted, and recreational opportunities shall be provided for all the people consistent with public safety needs and the need to protect public rights, rights of private property owners, and natural resource areas from overuse (California Coastal Act (CCA) Section 3010)."

***Based upon a review of these sections and the above-mentioned references to the project's consistency with the land use requirements of the Marina del Rey Local***

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*Coastal Program, staff analysis indicates that applicant has satisfied the Burden of Proof provisions and the project with the accompanying amendment request is consistent with the Local Coastal Plan.*

### Coastal Development Burden of Proof Responses

Applicant's responses attached (**Attachment B**). Staff is of the opinion that the applicant has sufficiently addressed Burden of Proof issues in a fashion that substantiates the findings required by Section 22.56.2410 of the Los Angeles County Code.

### BURDEN OF PROOF (CUP)

Pursuant to Los Angeles County Code Section 22.56.040 the applicant must meet the burden of proof requirements for conditional use permits.

- A. That the requested use at the location proposed will not:
  1. Adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, or
  2. Be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, or
  3. Jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare.
- B. That the proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in this Title 22, or as is otherwise required in order to integrate said use with the uses in the surrounding area.
- C. That the proposed site is adequately served:
  1. By other public or private service facilities as are required.
  2. By highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and

### Conditional Use Permit Burden of Proof Responses

Applicant's responses attached (**Attachment C**). Staff is of the opinion that the applicant has sufficiently addressed Burden of Proof issues in a fashion that substantiates the findings required by Section 22.56.040 of the County Code.

### BURDEN OF PROOF (Plan Amendment)

Pursuant to Los Angeles County Code Sections 22.16.070 and 22.16.170 an applicant requesting a plan amendment must meet the following requirements.

- Zone changes and amendments may be initiated to change zones, to alter the boundaries of districts, to impose regulations not previously imposed and to remove or modify any regulation already imposed whenever the board of supervisors finds that the public convenience, the general welfare or good zoning practice justifies such action. All such zone changes and amendments shall be made pursuant to the provisions of this Title 22 and Title 7 of the Government Code.



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- In making its recommendation relative to a proposed amendment other than a zone change, the commission may recommend approval where the information presented at public hearing shows that such amendment is consistent with the general plan and is necessary to implement the general plan and/or that the public convenience, the general welfare or good zoning practice justifies such action.

**Plan Amendment Burden of Proof Responses**

Applicant's responses attached (**Attachment D**). Staff is of the opinion that the applicant has sufficiently addressed Burden of Proof issues in a fashion that substantiates the findings required by Sections 22.16.070 and 22.16.170 of the County Code.

**BURDEN OF PROOF (Parking Permit)**

Pursuant to Los Angeles County Code Section 22.56.1020 the applicant must meet the following Parking Permit burden of proof requirements:

1. That there will be no need for the number of parking spaces required by Part 11 of Chapter 22.52 because:
  - a) The age and/or physical condition of the residents is such that the use of an automobile is unlikely, or
  - b) The nature of the use is such that there is a reduced occupancy, or
  - c) The business or use has established a viable transportation program for its employees and/or customers to use transportation modes other than the single-occupant automobile. Such a program shall include positive incentive such as van pools, transit fare subsidies, commuter travel allowances, car pools or bicycle commuter facilities. Where appropriate, proximity to freeways with high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes, bus routes, park-and-ride facilities, people-movers, rapid transit stations, bikeways, or other similar facilities, shall be a factor in this consideration, or
  - d) Sufficient land area is reserved or an alternative arrangement is approved to insure that the parking requirements may be complied with should the use, occupancy, or transportation program change. Such reservation or alternative may be waived for certain senior citizen and handicapped person housing developments where the director finds that it is unnecessary because of the anticipated permanent nature of such use. If required, the reserved land shall be so located and developed in such a manner that it can be feasibility converted to parking if needed;
2. That there will be no conflicts arising from special parking arrangements allowing shared facilities, tandem spaces or compact spaces because:
  - a) Uses sharing parking facilities operate at different times of the day or days of the week, or
  - b) Parking facilities using tandem spaces will employ valets or will utilize other means to insure a workable plan, or
  - c) Apartment houses using compact spaces for a portion of the required parking have a management program or homeowners' association to assure an efficient distribution of all parking spaces;
3. That off-site facilities, leases of less than 20 years, rear lot transitional parking lots and uncovered residential parking spaces will provide the required parking for uses because:
  - a) Such off-site facilities are controlled through ownership, leasing or other

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- arrangement by the owner of the use for which the site serves and are conveniently accessible to the main use, or
- b) Such leases are written in such a way as to prevent multiple leasing of the same spaces or cancellation without providing alternate spaces; such leases shall contain other guarantees assuring continued availability of the spaces, or
  - c) Such transitional lots are designed to minimize adverse effects on surrounding properties, or
  - d) Uncovered parking for low and moderate income residential developments will be appropriately screened and compatible with the surrounding neighborhood;
- 4. That the requested parking permit at the location proposed will not result in traffic congestion, excessive off-site parking, or unauthorized use of parking facilities developed to serve surrounding property;
  - 5. That the proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in the Zoning Ordinance.

**Parking Permit Burden of Proof Responses**

Applicant's responses attached (**Attachment E**). Staff is of the opinion that the applicant has met the burden of proof for the parking permit.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), which was transmitted to the Regional Planning Commission on September 3, 2009, has been prepared for the project. The DEIR covered the following two related development proposals:

- 1. A 29,348 square foot commercial facility on Parcel 21 (Holiday Harbor Courts); and
- 2. A 114-unit active senior accommodations facility on Parcel OT (Oceana Retirement Facility).

The DEIR examined the potential impacts of the proposed projects both singularly and cumulatively. When viewed as a group, the DEIR found 12 areas of potential concern. Cumulatively, the DEIR found significant and unavoidable impacts related to traffic and visual quality. The DEIR determined that the proposed projects may pose potentially significant environment impacts in the following areas:

**GEOTECHNICAL AND SOIL RESOURCES****NOISE****WATER QUALITY****AIR QUALITY****BIOTA****CULTURAL RESOURCES****VISUAL QUALITIES****TRAFFIC/ACCESS****UTILITIES (WATER SUPPLY)****ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY****LAND USE****GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE**

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) concludes that with the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures, all potentially significant impacts associated with 10 of the 12 above-described areas of concern can be mitigated to levels of insignificance at the project level. Cumulatively, significant impacts can be reduced to a level of insignificance in 10 of the 12 above-described areas. The DEIR concludes that potential land use and visual quality impacts for the proposed commercial complex cannot

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be reduced to levels of insignificance through the implementation of mitigation measures. The following is a summary of some of the key factors identified and discussed in the DEIR.

### Traffic/Access

According to the traffic analysis contained in the DEIR, the proposed Holiday Harbor Courts project on Parcel 21, a development proposal analyzed in the DEIR, is expected to generate a net decrease of 19 vehicle trips per day. An estimated 2 additional trips would occur during the peak AM hour and a decrease of 11 trips would occur during the peak PM hour.

During the construction phase of the Holiday Harbor Courts project, impacts related to parking on the subject property (Parcel 21) becoming unavailable and construction related traffic may occur.

The analysis of the DEIR determined that with the implementation of the identified mitigation measures, this project would not have a significant impact on Traffic/Access. Cumulative development analysis performed in the DEIR determined that area-wide development would significantly impact 11 of the 14 study intersections. Even with mitigation measures, impacts to five of the 11 impacted intersections are considered significant and unavoidable. Therefore, a Statement of Overriding Considerations is required for cumulative impacts related to Traffic/Access.

### Visual Quality

The proposed structures on Parcel 21 would result in an increase in height and massing over the current condition.

The DEIR concluded that no feasible mitigation measures exists to reduce the visual quality impacts related to increased height and massing of structures on the parcel to a level of less than significant. Therefore, a Statement of Overriding Considerations is required for project and cumulative impacts related to Visual Quality.

### Geotechnical and Soil Resources

The proposed project has potential impacts due to high ground water, unsuitable soils, secondary seismic effects of liquefaction, ground subsidence, and lateral spreading, and because development is in an area subject to the effects of seiche and tsunamis.

With proposed mitigation measures, potential impacts related to geotechnical and soil resources are less than significant.

### Noise

During construction, potential noise impacts due to pile driving and heavy equipment operations may occur. During the operation phase of Parcel 21, off-site noise exposure related to the HVAC equipment may also cause an impact.

The DEIR concludes that with proposed mitigation, potential impacts related to noise are less than significant.

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### **Water Quality**

At build out, the project has the potential to result in surface water quality impacts if water is permitted to runoff the site untreated. In addition, the project could have a potentially significant impact on ground water located under the project site.

The DEIR concludes that with proper mitigation measures, water quality impacts will be reduced to a level of less than significant.

### **Air Quality**

During project construction, the project may result in a Local Significance Threshold (LST) associated with PM-2.5 and PM-10. In addition, on a cumulative level, the project could result in impacts related to smog and PM-10.

The DEIR concludes that with proper mitigation measures, air quality impacts during the construction phase of the project, both on the project level and cumulatively, will be reduced to a level of less than significant.

### **Biota**

The removal of mature trees from the project site during construction may result in significant impacts associated with nesting of resident and migratory bird species.

With mitigation measures, construction related biota impacts are expected to be less than significant.

### **Cultural Resources**

Project related grading and excavation could have potential impacts to cultural resources, as 1,268 cubic yards of material is proposed to be excavated at the site.

With mitigation measures, construction related impacts to cultural resources are expected to be less than significant.

### **Utilities (Water Supply)**

The DEIR did not foresee any significant impacts related to water service provided that the Marina water system upgrades are made, and the suggested water conservation measures are taken.

### **Environmental Safety**

The DEIR did not foresee any significant impacts related to environmental safety related to the proposed project on Parcel 21.

### **Land Use and Planning**

The DEIR does not foresee potential Land Use impact on a project level or viewed cumulatively to have a significant impact.

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### **Global Climate Change**

In the Global Climate Change Section, the DEIR comes to the conclusion that a significance determination regarding the proposed project cannot be made because significance thresholds under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that address greenhouse gas emissions and global climate change have not yet been formally adopted.

### **COUNTY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS**

#### **Los Angeles County Fire Department**

On March 25 2009, a letter was received from the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The letter cleared the project for public hearing. (Exhibit F)

#### **Los Angeles County Health Department**

On February 3, 2009, a letter was received from the Los Angeles County Health Department. The letter stated that the proposed project had the potential for construction related significant impacts on the surrounding community in the areas of Noise and Air Quality. The letter outlined specific mitigation measures that should be taken to help mitigate those impacts. (Exhibit G)

#### **Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW)**

On August 11, 2009, a letter was received from DPW. The letter recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit and requested specific requirements be included as part of the conditions of approval. (Exhibit H)

#### **Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority**

On September 21, 2009, a letter was received from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority. The letter stated that the analysis satisfies the traffic and transit requirements for the proposed project. However, the letter stated that the proposed project had the potential to impact transit corridors with Metro bus service. The letter recommended that the Metro Bus Operations Control Special Events Coordinator be contacted regarding construction activities that may impact bus lines. (Exhibit I)

### **OTHER AGENCY COMMENTS**

#### **Native American Heritage Commission**

On September 15, 2009, a letter was received from the Native American Heritage Commission. The letter stated that Native American Cultural Resources were not known to exist within one-half mile of the site. The letter suggested that local Native American tribes be contacted. (Exhibit J) The Notice of Completion and Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Report was sent the Native American Heritage Commission and a local tribal representative.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No correspondence from the public was received regarding the project at the time that the staff report was prepared.

### **LEGAL NOTIFICATION/COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Hearing notices were mailed to 209 residents within a 500-foot radius of the subject property and other interested parties on August 31, 2009. The Draft Environmental Impact Report was delivered to the Lloyd Taber Marina del Rey County Library in Marina del Rey, the Venice-Abbot Kinney Memorial Library in the City of Los Angeles, and the Julian Dixon Library in Culver City on September 2, 2009. Advertisements

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were published in the Argonaut on September 3, 2009 and in *La Opinion* on September 2, 2009. According to the applicant, public hearing notices were posted at the project site on September 1, 2009.

**STAFF EVALUATION****Issues**

Pursuant to Sections 22.46.1440 and 22.46.1710, Title 22 of the County Code (Zoning Ordinance) a commercial center with a parking structure is permissible on a parcel with the Marine Commercial Land Use Category and a Waterfront Overlay Zone in the Marina del Rey Specific Plan. A Coastal Development Permit is required to undertake any development in the Coastal Zone. Staff finds that the proposed commercial center is consistent with the requirements for a Coastal Development Permit.

A Conditional Use Permit is required for a parking structure, a yacht club, 2,916 square feet of Visitor Serving/Convenience Commercial uses, a health club and offices for boating related activities in the Marine Commercial/Waterfront Overlay Zone Land Use Category of the Marina del Rey Specific Plan. Staff finds that the proposed project is consistent with the requirements of Section 22.56.040 of the Los Angeles County Code.

The proposed project requires an amendment to the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan to authorize the redrawing of the parcel boundary line between Marina del Rey Parcels 21 and GR to transfer of 31,050 square feet on the westerly portion of Parcel 21 to Parcel GR. It would be appropriate for the Commission to consider this request as increasing the size of public parking lot GR, which serves Marina Beach, facilitates public access to the coast.

As proposed, the project would require a Parking Permit to authorize the transfer of parking spaces from Marina del Rey Parcel OT to Parcel 21. Staff finds that the proposed project is consistent with the requirements of Section 22.56.1020 of the Los Angeles County Code.

There are many aspects of the proposed project that are not only beneficial to the County, but also serve LCP goals of increasing coastal access, encouraging recreational uses in the Marina, and maintaining the physical and economic viability of the marina. The project will demolish outdated buildings and uncovered parking spaces and replace them with modern buildings with covered parking and a substantial increase in coastal-related uses. Not only would the proposed project replace 6,000 square feet of health club space with 6,000 square feet of Marine Commercial uses, it would also add a 5,000 square foot yacht club to a parcel that is not currently developed with one. In addition, covered parking is preferable in a setting like the Marina, because there is far less likelihood that runoff will cause auto related contaminants to enter the harbor. The proposed project maintains and improves recreational opportunities in the Marina by preserving all boater parking on site, upgrading boater showers and restrooms and moving public parking spaces from Parcel OT to Parcel 21, allowing the public easier access to Marina Beach.

Lastly, the proposed plan amendment increases the size of public parking lot GR, thus further increasing visitor-serving and recreational opportunities in the Marina.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION****Approval**

The following recommendation is made prior to the public hearing and is subject to change based upon testimony and/or documentary evidence presented at the public hearing.

Staff recommends APPROVAL of Coastal Development Permit No. 200600003-(4), Conditional Use Permit No. 200600223-(4) and Parking Permit No. 200600015-(4) subject to the attached conditions. Staff

## STAFF ANALYSIS

also recommends that the Regional Planning Commission prepare a resolution recommending approval of Plan Amendment No. 200600010-(4) to the Board of Supervisors.

## SUGGESTED MOTIONS

I move that the public hearing be continued to a date certain and that Regional Planning Commission instruct staff to prepare the Final Environmental Impact Report and prepare a resolution recommending the approval of Plan Amendment No. 200600010-(4) to the Board of Supervisors and prepare findings and conditions of approval for Coastal Development Permit No. 200600003-(4), Conditional Use Permit No. 200600223-(4) and Parking Permit No. 200600015-(4).

Report prepared by Michael Tripp, Principal Regional Planning Assistant  
Reviewed by Samuel Dea, Section Head of Special Projects

### Attachments:

Copy of Thomas Brothers Map  
Burdens of Proof  
Land Use Map  
Site Plan/Floor Plan

SD:MRT:mrt







# ATTACHMENT A

*"To enrich lives through effective and caring service"*

## MINUTES

OF

### MARINA DEL REY DESIGN CONTROL BOARD

August 18, 2005

Department of Beaches and Harbors  
Burton Chace County Park  
Community Building - 13650 Mindanao Way  
Marina del Rey, CA 90292



Stan Wisniewski  
Director

Kerry Silverstrom  
Chief Deputy

Members Present: David Abelar, Second District  
Katherine Spitz, Third District, Vice-Chair  
Peter Phinney, Fourth District

Members Absent: Susan Cloke, First District, Chair  
Tony Wong, Fifth District

Department Staff Present: Stan Wisniewski, Director  
Joseph Chesler, Chief, Planning Division  
Julie Carpenter, Planner  
LaTrina Perry, Secretary  
Dusty Crane, Chief, Community & Marketing Services Division  
Walter Popoff, Community & Marketing Services Division

County Staff Present: Tom Faughnan, Principal Deputy County Counsel  
Sam Dea, Regional Planning Department

Guests Present: Tim Beck, CPK  
Marianne Liggett, TGP Inc.  
Alex Liftis, Caruso Affiliated  
Stephen Demeter, CPK  
Neil McNearney, Sign Methods, Inc.  
Robin Perkins, Selbert Perkins Design  
Virginia Hollywood, Del Rey Professional Association  
Mark Christensen, Mac 7 Graphics  
Sherman Gardner, Goldrich & Kest  
Frank Hickman, Goldrich & Kest  
Monica Moses, GMP Architects  
Calvin Ahbe, Ahbe Landscape Architects  
Carla Andrus, MdR resident  
Daniel Ginzburg, Fantasea Yachts  
Thomas Henry, Pacifica Hotel Investors  
Michael Barnard, Pacifica Hotel Investors  
Bernard Katz, President of Santa Monica Bay Physicians Group

1. **Call to Order, Action on Absences and Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Spitz called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m. Mr. Abelar led the pledge of allegiance. Ms. Spitz (Abelar) moved to excuse Ms. Cloke and Mr. Wong from today's meeting.

2. **Approval of Minutes of June 16, 2005**

Held for approval until the September 2005 DCB Meeting.

3. **Design Control Board Reviews**

A. **Parcel 77 – W.A.T.E.R. Program Storage at Parcel 77 – DCB #05-006-C**

Approval of the record of the DCB's July 2005 action for approval of an alternate planting plan.

Mr. Phinney (Abelar) moved to approve as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

B. **Parcel 102 – Archstone Smith – DCB #03-016-G**

Approval of the record of the DCB's July 2005 action for approval of condition relating to painting and signage follow-up per DCB #03-016-B and #03-016-C, respectively; DCB #03-016-F, regarding lighting, was continued.

Mr. Phinney (Abelar) moved to approve as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

C. **Parcel 33 – Habor House – DCB #05-008-B**

Approval of the record of the DCB's July 2005 action for approval of a solid burgundy awning fabric, cantilevered rafter repair, repainting and new fencing.

Mr. Phinney (Abelar) moved to approve as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

D. **Parcel 97 – Marina Beach Shopping Center – DCB #03-013-C**

Approval of the record of the DCB's July 2005 action for approval of a follow-up condition per DCB #03-013-B pertaining to landscaping and the pedestrian walkway.

Mr. Phinney (Abelar) moved to approve as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

E. **Parcels 83/50 – Marina Waterside Shopping Center – DCB #05-010**

Approval of the record of the DCB's July 2005 action for conditioned approval of Parcels 83 and 50 renovations. Conditions include the resubmittal of a revised landscape plan, the loss of two parking stalls and the maximization of green space.

Mr. Phinney (Abelar) moved to approve as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

F. **Parcel 50 – Marina Waterside Shopping Center – California Pizza Kitchen – DCB #05-011**

Approval of the record of the DCB's July 2005 action for conditioned approval of exterior renovations and replacement signs. Conditions include further review and approval of signage by the Department of Regional Planning, a return to the Board with detailed plans for the exterior

lighting and consideration of limiting the quantity of yellow canvas on the patio portion of the north elevation.

**Mr. Phinney (Abelar) moved to approve as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.**

- G. Parcel 50 – Marina Waterside Shopping Center – Starbucks – DCB #05-012**  
Approval of the record of the DCB's July 2005 action for approval of two signs.

**Mr. Phinney (Abelar) moved to approve as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.**

- H. Parcels 111/112 – Marina Harbor – The Villa – DCB #05-013**  
Approval of the record of the DCB's July 2005 action for conditioned approval of permanent sign #6 as proposed; permanent sign #7 as proposed; and temporary signs #1, 2 and 4 as proposed. The condition relates to the requirement that the permanent signs require review and approval by the Department of Regional Planning.

**Mr. Phinney (Abelar) moved to approve as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Old Business**

- A. Parcel 50 – Marina Waterside Shopping Center – California Pizza Kitchen – DCB #05-011-B**  
Consideration of modifications to exterior renovations and lighting.

- Mr. Phinney asked if the Board was being asked to approve a temporary banner that was not on the agenda.
- Ms. Carpenter advised that since temporary banners at this parcel had been approved by the DCB, staff thought it appropriate to bring it before the Board rather than the department issuing a 30 day permit.
- Mr. Phinney advised staff to give the applicant a 30-day temporary banner and if the applicant needs the banner for more than 30-days, then it should come back at the next meeting.
- Mr. Phinney had questions about the quantity of awnings and light fixtures being proposed, as they seemed to have doubled from the last meeting.
- Mr. Beck advised the Board that they reconfigured the awning and light fixtures, reduced the wattage from 50 to 35 watts per fixture, and are willing to reduce the number of awnings and fixtures.
- Ms. Carpenter asked the Board for clarification on the reduced number of awnings and light fixtures. There will be two awnings each on the east, north and parking lot sides of the building, and where four awnings are shown, it will be reduced to three.

**Public Comments (none)**

**Mr. Phinney (Spitz) moved to approve DCB #05-011-B with the modifications to the number of fixtures and awnings. Motion passed unanimously.**

**B. Parcel 50 – Ralphs Market – DCB #05-001-D**  
Consideration of a temporary banner for Ralphs Market.

- Ms. Spitz commented the banner had too much clutter, referring to the stars on the banner.
- Mr. McNearney advised he could reduce the clutter on the banner, which would include deleting the alternate locations and the stars.
- Mr. Liftis noted it would be helpful to have a banner indicating when the store is reopening.

Public Comments (none)

**Ms. Spitz (Abelar) moved to approve DCB #05-001-D with the recommendation suggested by staff to eliminate the names of other Ralph locations, the stars on the banner, and provide the re-opening date. Motion passed unanimously.**

**C. Parcels 83/50 – Marina Waterside Shopping Center – DCB #05-010-B**  
Consideration of a landscape plan, including replacement of the coral tree with an alternate tree and the loss of two parking spaces.

- Mr. Phinney asked for staff to explain the requirements for stormwater treatment.
- Mr. Wisniewski stated that there are state requirements that have to be met and advised that Mr. Chesler could explain in more detail.
- Mr. Chesler stated any site over one-half acre has additional stormwater treatment requirements, which are administered through the Department of Public Works. The applicant's design has met these requirements. The reconstruction of the parking lot has redirected the flow of water and corrected many of the previous drainage problems. Mr. Chesler will provide the Board with more detail in a separate communication.
- Ms. Spitz asked what type of utility boxes are on the site and what will happen with the flag pole.
- Mr. Liftis stated the relocation of the utilities is not part of their immediate scope, only to expand the sidewalk. There have been discussions with Public Works about additional future work at that corner, and, at that time, it will be Public Works' responsibility to deal with the utility box. The proposed landscaping may screen the utility box.
- Mr. Chesler advised that one of the utility boxes is for the signal controls and the other is for irrigation controls.

- Mr. Liftis advised the irrigation control box at Parcel 83 will be eliminated as irrigation will be controlled by Parcel 50.
- Ms. Spitz asked how much paving surrounds the signal box and whether there will be any problems with digging through the roots of the trees or planting.
- Mr. Liftis stated there is a small amount of paving around the signal box which can be screened with low shrubbery so that it could grow over the box. Problems with digging in that area are not anticipated.
- Ms. Spitz suggested eliminating the yellow flowers as she prefers not to have a wide variety of flower color. She thinks the plants chosen are of a commercial type and not related to the Marina and water. The applicant was asked to integrate plants that suggest a water feel or beach-like environment.
- Mr. Phinney suggested the applicant change the focus of the plant pallet in a way that would satisfy the Board's concern.
- Ms. Liggett made the following changes: pennisetum will replace the Indian hawthorn and sea lavender will replace yellow daylilies.

Public Comments (none)

Ms. Spitz (Abelar) moved to approve DCB #05-010-B as amended in which the Indian hawthorn are replaced with pennisetum and yellow daylilies are replaced with sea lavender. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Parcel 77 – W.A.T.E.R. Program Storage at Dock 77 – DCB #05-006-D  
Consideration of identification signage as part of the fence scrim.

- Ms. Spitz asked if Option #1 provided enough information about what is being offered.
- Ms. Crane advised the area is for storage and will not be available to the public, therefore, the website information and the phone number for the new facility will be on the fence fabric so that people can call and get more information. Ms. Crane stated the idea of having a logo for this new facility is really important and will be used continually as part of the program identification for outreach and marketing of the children and adult activities.
- Mr. Abelar asked why the phone number wasn't on any of the other options.
- Ms. Crane stated there was limited space and that is why they presented several options.

- Mr. Wisniewski stated his preference is for the term "marine aquatics" to be used for the sign and he also thought the photos were valuable as well as the background in Option #3.
- Mr. Abelar asked, for Option #3, if the logo could be moved down and the picture above.
- Ms. Spitz commented as a text oriented culture, the option showing words opposed to images might be more effective.
- Mr. Phinney asked, for Option #2, if the photos could be enlarged and separated from the signage component to make them more of a graphic element somewhere else along the scrim of the gates.
- Ms. Perkins stated that Mr. Phinney's suggestion could be done.

Public Comments (none)

Mr. Phinney (Spitz) moved to approve DCB #05-006-D, Option #2A, with the following changes, text reading the "boat house" be replaced with text reading "marine aquatics" and that the applicant find or explore opportunities for doing a photo representation elsewhere on the scrim. Motion passed unanimously.

**E. Parcel 75 -- Marina Professional Building -- DCB #05-014**  
Reconsideration of four signs (three replacements and one new sign).

- Mr. Katz gave a brief explanation of the proposed signage.
- Mr. Phinney asked if it would create a problem with the pharmacy in the building if Sign D was not approved.
- Ms. Hollywood advised the removal of Sign D would have to be discussed with that tenant.
- Ms. Spitz asked if other tenants in the building would want their own signage on the building.
- Ms. Hollywood advised there are door signs throughout the building and the other tenants would not find this applicant's proposed signage objectionable. The sign may benefit the entire building because it is a medical building.
- Ms. Spitz asked if there was any other entity in the Marina that has been allowed to have a monument sign and a pole sign.
- Ms. Carpenter advised that for a parcel the size of Parcel 75, the Sign Controls do not allow both types of signs. It would have to go through Regional Planning and allowable signage is based on frontage, among other criteria.

- Mr. Phinney stated the scale of the building signage is too big and there is too much text on it. He suggested a pin-mounted letter sign on the building face at the entry facing Admiralty Way.
- Ms. Carpenter noted the proposed building signage is smaller than the existing signage.
- Mr. Dea stated the free-standing sign is fine, but the monument sign on the corner is too large. Monument signs are allowed, as they identify the building or give directions to the type of service, but the signs are normally fairly small. The proposed monument sign would not be considered as identification or directional/informational sign.
- Ms. Spitz asked if the signage square footage allowed is cumulative per parcel.
- Ms. Carpenter answered yes, but noted the Department's Sign Controls are different from the codes used by Regional Planning, which is why there is a review by both entities.
- Mr. Phinney suggested that this item be continued and the applicant return to the Board in September 2005 with two or three alternatives smaller than the existing signage (in terms of square footage).
- Mr. Katz suggested modifying the sign to say medical, dental, legal walk-in care.

Public Comments (none)

**Ms. Spitz (Abelar) moved to continue DCB #05-014 until September 2005 at which time the applicant will return with alternate signage. There must also be a hyphen between the words, walk-in. Motion passed unanimously.**

**5. New Business**

**Background of Agenda Items 5A and 5B (Parcels 21 and OT) -- Report by Stan Wisniewski**

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) recently approved the Department negotiating to develop a dry stack boat storage facility on Parcels 52 and GG. Parcel 52 is a parking lot between the Boat Yard on Fiji Way and Parcel GG, which is used by the Department (five administrative trailers and a maintenance center) and the Sheriff's boat wright facility. In the Local Coastal Program (LCP) for Marina del Rey, Parcel 52 is designated for a 26,000 square foot public facility and was intended to house an administration center for the Department. With the development of the dry boat storage facility, the administrative trailers will need to be relocated. The lessee of both these parcels (OT and 21) also has Parcel 20. In the coastal development permit for that parcel, the lessee was to build a replacement yacht club facility for Pacific Mariners Yacht Club as well as house office tenants.

In the future, the Department will return to the Board and show how it is bifurcating Parcel 20 into Parcel 20 and Parcel 19, the latter which will be the new site of the Department's Administration Building. The

new yacht club, a health center, and all other Parcel 20 tenants will go into a brand new building that will be on Parcel 21. A portion of Parcel 21 on the western edge will be bifurcated and become a public parking facility that will house parking being displaced from other development projects in the area around Marina ("Mother's") Beach. The Department accomplished a lot of objectives in the negotiations with the lessee: a site for an administration building; a site for a public parking structure, which will facilitate the redevelopment of our second catalytic project area (resort); and, a new yacht club and health club. The next step will be to come back to the Small Craft Harbor Commission (SCHC) with the actual lease documents. There will be an amendment to the Parcel 20 lease, an extension of Parcel 21 and a brand new lease for Parcel OT.

- Ms. Spitz asked for a definition of bifurcate in terms of the parcels.
- Mr. Wisniewski stated bifurcate means severing off a portion of the site and returning it to County control.
- Ms. Spitz asked if the parcel that will be segregated will have less land than the department currently has on Fiji Way.
- Mr. Wisniewski advised it is difficult to compare what the department has on Fiji Way because the administration facility is also occupied by the Sheriff's Department.
- Mr. Phinney asked if the lessee would vacate a portion of Parcel 20 and 21 back to the County.
- Mr. Wisniewski advised that the lessee is only giving the land back.
- Ms. Spitz asked if the health club, the yacht club, and the parking area are included in what might be considered open space or recreational space. What is their zoning?
- Mr. Chesler advised the yacht club is considered marine commercial and is essentially a waterfront use that would be considered in any relocation effort. The health club is a visitor-serving commercial use that could be basically anywhere within the reasonable proximity of its current location. Parking is parking.
- Ms. Spitz asked if there is a net loss to the public, i.e., view corridors, open space, access to the water.
- Mr. Wisniewski stated it would be an improvement. The Department is hoping to move some of the public parking off of Parcel OT, relocating it on Parcel 21 so that it is closer to the public beach.

**A. Parcel OT – Proposed Retirement Residence – DCB #05-015**

Consideration of a 114-unit retirement resident project, 5,000 square feet of retail space and an "open to the public" landscape area on the eastern edge of the site.



- Ms. Spitz asked staff why they recommended replacing the Washingtonias and ground cover.
- Ms. Carpenter advised there is a maintenance issue with the Washingtonia's palm fronds falling, which can damage vehicles and injure people. Also rats find them attractive. One of the ground covers to be eliminated or replaced is coyote bush because it can be considered unattractive during its dormant phase.
- Mr. Abelar asked if there would be an odor coming from the lagoon and if so would it affect the tenants.
- Mr. Wisniewski stated he recently completed a walk-through and did not notice any odors coming from the lagoon. The Department is working with Public Works to improve the water quality, and as the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program takes effect whereby stormwater runoff is improved, he believes the water quality will also improve. The Department has contracted with Public Works for additional positions to improve debris removal in that area.
- Mr. Chesler commented the lagoon is a tidal wetland and, therefore, occasionally when mudflats are exposed, there is a decaying odor due to the natural process and it does affect some of the tenants in the Marina. We periodically get complaints from those who are down-wind from the basin. This particular site is on the leeward side of the basin and only under Santa Ana wind conditions, which are relatively short-lived, will the occupants of this residence be affected.

#### Public Comments

- Carla Andrus commented there are several reasons for the DCB to deny this project. It's inconsistent with the Coastal Act, it reduces coastal access, it's not a coastal marine priority, and Parcel OT parking provides easy access to Marina ("Mother's") Beach. The retirement residence is not a priority use, the area is geologically unstable. There are soil and ground water issues and gas and oil transmission lines on Admiralty Way. The added traffic in the area for such a use can not be supported. There is already a proposed cluster of high density uses that will negatively impact the area. The same developers are reneging on their responsibility for affordable senior housing on Parcel 20. What will the promised retirement home turn into? The County comes from behind to retroactively relieve the developer of its responsibilities for senior housing. The proposed parking will be needed for the canoes and other activities on that side of the beach. Let's use the building for affordable housing.
- Daniel Ginzburg commented the proposed project is good. It accomplishes numerous development goals in one single project, which is very efficient and helps the overall development of this parcel and other parcels throughout the Marina. It is also aesthetically pleasing, provides on-site parking for the locals and the preexisting

businesses and is very mindful of the bird sanctuary next door by not only providing open space, but also a nice park-like setting. It also offers a pretty thoroughfare between Washington Blvd. and Admiralty Way, which is another great benefit for pedestrians and the general public.

Board Comments

- Ms. Spitz requested that staff show a site plan with its future conditions and surrounding uses for all future proposals.
- Mr. Phinney asked how the public will know where to park and where public access is located.
- Ms. Moses, architect, explained there would be signage that would read public parking and also directional signs. The public parking is the same grade as the alley and as Admiralty Way. Public parking and resident parking is through the same entrance.
- Mr. Phinney advised the applicant it should be made very clear that the public access to public parking is public and people shouldn't be intimidated because they are not residents of the building. Pedestrian access from the parking spaces to the public street should be clear, commodious. We don't want the public to feel like second class users of the facility. How much space is in between corridors?
- Ms. Moses advised there is about 35 feet in between corridors.
- Mr. Phinney suggested making the lounge and staff area single-story and not build units above. The units that face the interior courts seem dark and tall and may not receive any light or air. For people who may spend a great deal of time inside their apartments, they should have light, air and wonderful views.
- Ms. Spitz advised the applicant to consider other ways of providing light for the interior units.
- Mr. Gardner advised the Board Members they could visit the Palm Court in Culver City to get an idea of what the proposed development will look like when built.
- Mr. Ahbe explained the street trees are ficus and the roots are a problem. The intent is to go through an application process with the City of Los Angeles to remove and replace with an approved street tree.
- Mr. Phinney asked why there is a retail component, what type of retail, and who will it serve.

- Ms. Moses stated the retail will be accessed from the front, but there may be a back door possibility, and would consist of a coffee or donut shop for the general public and the residents' use.
- Mr. Phinney advised the applicant that wherever there is an opportunity to put a public amenity as a buffer, immediately accessible visually from the sidewalk and/or between the sidewalk and the parking, please do it. Also start thinking about residential components dropping down to become a buffer.
- Ms. Moses noted that all of the elements facing the street are pedestrian oriented.
- Ms. Spitz noted that one of the Board's concerns is Washington Blvd. The Board would like a better plan description of what Washington Blvd. will actually look like. She also asked about the property line.
- Mr. Hickman advised the property line will be adjusted so the landscape area between Washington Blvd. and Admiralty Way can be maintained by the applicant.
- Ms. Spitz likes the project and thinks the landscape plan in terms of landscape architecture is beautiful. She also believes that Washingtonia robusta are part of the southern California regional heritage and rats are attracted to all sorts of plants. The height of tall palm trees is necessary against this building, and she was not sure what a replacement by a date palm meant. She also encouraged California native's bright and sophisticated flowers. She was concerned about the style of the building and ten years from now it might look outdated. She encouraged the applicant to come back to the Board with high quality materials and high quality finishes.
- Mr. Phinney stated the Board would like to see the interior court improved, which means enlarging it or making it accessible to the outside to fresh air, rather than it being an atrium. He suggested considering a U-shaped building. The architectural effort of bringing visual activity to the street front is good and the Board would like more of that done. The applicant must develop some scheme to separate resident parking from public parking, signage is not enough. It doesn't mean separate entrances; it just needs to be made clear there is a public parking component in the facility. Improve the pedestrian access from the public way to the parking. The style of the building needs to be more of a timeless approach. The lighting plan must be sensitive to the night sky and as a general rule the Board does not like uplighting. Use lighting elements to animate the pedestrian aspect of the façade.
- Ms. Spitz advised the applicant to be able to show the property line when it returns to the Board to show that it will be taking on the maintenance.

**Mr. Phinney (Spitz) moved to approve DCB #05-015 in concept with the conditions as outlined: the interior court needs improvement, which means making it larger or making it accessible to the outside to fresh air, rather than an interior atrium, to actually making the**

building u-shaped. The architectural effort of bringing visual activity to the street front is good and the Board would like more of that done. The applicant must develop some scheme to separate resident parking from public parking, signage is not enough. Improve the pedestrian access from the public way to the parking. The style of the building needs to be more of a timeless approach. The lighting plan must be sensitive to the night sky and as a general rule the Board does not like uplighting. Use lighting elements to animate the pedestrian aspect of the façade. The applicant must also be able to show the location of the property line. The applicant must come back to the Board with high quality materials and high quality finishes. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Parcel 21 - Holiday Harbor Courts – DCB #05-016**

Consideration of a new building and severance of the westernmost portion of the parcel for future use as public parking.

Public Comments

- Carla Andrus commented the proposed buildings have too much density. There's nothing in the proposed project regarding boating amenities such as ping-pong and there's also not enough parking for boaters to enjoy the Marina recreation.

Board Comments

- Mr. Abelar asked if there will be boater and pedestrian amenities.
- Mr. Gardner advised the amenities currently on the parcel will all be replaced. There will also be improved boater parking for Parcels 20 and 21.
- Ms. Spitz asked if the 105 feet for the mini park is actually a required view corridor. If so, it should be referred to as a view corridor.
- Ms. Spitz asked the applicant to explain why it used the proposed building facades for this site.
- Ms. Moses explained they wanted to distinguish between the two uses of the building. Even though the buildings are connected, there was an attempt made to create a separation (using driveways or walkways) so that you can see the water from the street. The parking structure was given a more nautical feel, getting away from the typical parking structure look. The corners of the parking structure were removed for additional landscaping. Using the blue/green glass and nautical materials relates to the water elements. The landscaping will also have a lot of green in it.
- Mr. Phinney asked if the parking structure was far from Marina ("Mother's") Beach.
- Mr. Hickman advised that the applicant's goal was to separate the noise associated with the yacht club from the residences, which is the reason for the location of the parking structure.

- Mr. Wisniewski suggested the applicant come back to the Board and address the need to put the yacht club in the building and parking should be closer to Marina ("Mother's") Beach.
- Ms. Spitz asked the applicant to address the question of "what can they do for the public/visitor good?"
- Mr. Phinney suggested rethinking the health club, maybe moving it to the first floor. Public parking could be placed behind a small component of office space that animates the street, but on the plaza side closer to Marina ("Mother's") Beach.
- Ms. Moses advised it's a very narrow site and difficult to maneuver parking. The parking is on a 5% slope, so it is very difficult to combine the offices and the parking on the same level.

Ms. Spitz (Phinney) moved to conceptually approve DCB #05-016 with the conditions that the applicant consider the public benefit in the building layout; access for public parking; adding palm trees against the elliptical façade; and the use of highest quality materials for the project. Motion passed unanimously.

**D. Parcel 27 – Jamaica Bay Inn – DCB #05-020**

Consideration of major renovations, including a new main entrance, additional rooms, demolition of the function room, additional parking spaces and enhanced landscaping.

Public Comments

- Carla Andrus submitted a letter to staff and the Board.

Board Comments

- Ms. Spitz was deeply concerned regarding the style and color of the corner entrance.
- Ms. Spitz and Mr. Phinney advised they were concerned about the elevation, style, color, design details, scale, finishes and the railing.
- Mr. Phinney suggested to the applicant to modify the existing building which will help them to understand what the new building should look like.

Ms. Spitz (Phinney) moved to continue DCB #05-020 until September 2005. The applicant must come back to the Board with other alternatives. Motion passed unanimously.

*\*5:15 p.m., Commissioner Abelar had to leave the meeting and the quorum was lost. Therefore, the meeting was adjourned.\**

**C. Parcel 103 – Oakwood Apartments – DCB #05-019**

Consideration of a replacement sign.

Item was continued until the September 2005 meeting due to the loss of the quorum.

6. Staff Reports

- A. Temporary Permits Issued by Department
- No reports were given. All reports were received and filed.
- B. Marina del Rey LCP Periodic Review (verbal report)
- Mr. Wisniewski advised the Board that the Department would be responding to the LCP periodic review staff report by Friday, August 25, 2005. It is being calendared for consideration November 2005 in the Los Angeles area.
- C. Ongoing Activities Report
- ☐ Board Actions on Items Relating to Marina del Rey
  - ☐ Small Craft Harbor Commission Minutes
  - ☐ Redevelopment Project Status Report
  - ☐ Marina del Rey and Beach Special Events
  - No reports were given. All reports were received and filed.

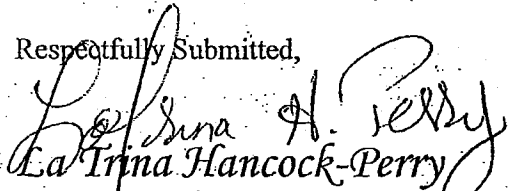
7. Comments From the Public

No comments were taken.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
La Trina Hancock-Perry  
Design Control Board Secretary

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT**  
**BURDEN OF PROOF**

Answers to the following must be made completely. Use additional sheets as necessary.

1. That the proposed development is in conformity with the Certified Local Coastal Program because

The Local Coastal Program amendment for Parcel 21 is a relatively simple change, all benefitting the objectives of the Coastal Act. First, the amendment memorializes the establishment of public parking on this site, included within the structured parking but segregated from private uses. Secondly, the amendment revises the development boundary between Parcel 21 and Parcel GR by 207 lineal feet, such that the Parcel 21 leasehold will reduce in size. Parcel GR will increase in size in order to expand parking for Mothers' Beach. These changes complement the current efforts of the County to provide an improved focal point for the beach, and make it more convenient for the public to visit. Applicable Coastal Act Policies have been identified and incorporated into the February 1996 Marina LUP. The proposed project is in compliance with the policy framework set forth in the Marina LUP. The proposed project is consistent with and a continuation of Phase II development of the Marina LUP. At the time of adoption of the LUP, existing land uses were described as Phase I uses. The project would replace existing marine commercial uses and transfers approved uses marine commercial uses from an adjacent parcel (Parcel 20 Phase II). The Marina LUP Phase II development allows for recycled, intensified and new uses to be developed on and adjacent to the Marina. Phase II development is based on a first come first serve principle. Parcel 21 is located in Development Zone (DZ) 4. The site is zoned for "Marine Commercial" use and sits within a Waterfront Overlay Zone (WOZ). The proposed development is within the height and view corridor specification prescribed by the Marina LUP. Furthermore, it provides public recreation and the necessary amount of parking on-site. Therefore, the proposed project is in conformity with the Certified Local Coastal Program.

2. That any development, located between the nearest public road and the sea or shoreline of any body of water located within the Coastal Zone, is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3 of Division 20 of the Public Resources Code because

The proposed project is compliant with the California Public Resources Code Division 20 Chapter 3, sections 30200, 30210-30214, 30220-30224, 30230-30236, 30240-30244, 30250-30255, and 30260-30265.5 as it pertains to the sea, shoreline/water access, as well as to public recreation. Specific applicable sections are Article 3, Recreation Section 30224, that relates to the development of dry storage, which the proposed project creates; and Article 5 Marine Environment Section 30234, which relates to upgrading of boater facilities, a current element of the proposed development. Additionally, public access and recreation will be enhanced by setting aside over 20 percent of the parcel as a public view corridor and by creating a park plaza and extending and improving the promenade along the waterfront. Providing extensive landscaping, benches and lighting will enhance public access to the park/plaza and promenade. Therefore, the proposed project is compliant with the applicable Public Resources Codes.

**APPLICANT'S AFFIDAVIT**

I (We) being duly sworn, depose and say that the foregoing answers and statements herein contained and the information submitted are in all respects true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

**COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT  
BURDEN OF PROOF**

*Holiday-Panay Way Marina, L.P., A California Limited Partnership*

**Signed:**

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*By: GKB Development Co., LLC, a California limited liability company  
By: Warren L. Breslow, Trustee of The Warren L. Breslow Trust*



## ATTACHMENT C

### CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE – BURDEN OF PROOF

SEC. 22.56.040

In addition to the information required in the application, the applicant shall substantiate to the satisfaction of the Zoning Board and/or Commission, the following facts:

**A. That the requested use at the location proposed will not:**

1. Adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, or

The proposed project will upgrade Parcel 21, making it more compatible with other developed properties on the Marina. The project enhances and renovates boater bathrooms and showers, and provides a park plaza and promenade for public use and enjoyment. New and upgraded buildings and amenities on-site will improve property valuations in the vicinity, and the uses proposed by the project will assist with stimulating the local economy from increase tax revenue. The development will assist in stimulating the economy by providing 6,000 square feet of additional marine commercial uses (providing jobs during both the construction and operational phases of the project). Therefore, the proposed project will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of the property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site. For these reasons, the proposed project will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of person residing or working in the surrounding area.

2. Be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, or

The proposed project is consistent with the Marina Phase II development. The Marina LUP states that "the next phase of development (Phase II) for the Marina in which existing uses may be recycled or intensified, and new uses may be created." The proposed project will be integrated into the area and consistent with planning requirements in the Marina by providing a protected view corridor of 27.33 percent, a public plaza/park, improved boater docks in Basin D, and an improved promenade along the waterfront. All project plans will be reviewed for compliance with County requirements, including Fire Department access, building code requirements for the structures, height and setback requirements, etc.

3. Jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare.

The proposed development provides substantial improvements to Parcel 21 by providing a new and improved yacht club, health club and marine commercial offices. Furthermore, the project creates a more unified appearance with the exiting development adjacent to the project (Parcel 20). The proposed project will not jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare.

**B. That the proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in this Title 22, or as is otherwise required in order to integrate said use with the uses in the surrounding area.**

The proposed project will meet and or exceed the requirement of County Code, Title 22, including the requirement for yards, walls, fences, and parking. The site has frontage on Panay Way of approximately 741 feet and will accommodate the proposed development and allow for extensive landscaping, open space, public benches and safe pedestrian and recreational areas. It will be accessible to the general public and appropriately integrated into the surrounding area.

**C. That the proposed site is adequately served:**

1. By highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and

An extensive network of existing roadways and highways serves the proposed site. The site has a frontage on Panay Way of approximately 741 feet. As the project is located in an urban area and currently has adequate access, no new streets are required for the project. Further, the project's traffic impacts will be evaluated in a traffic report meeting County requirements. Project-related mitigation measures will be provided, as necessary.

2. By other public or private service facilities as are required

The project is located in an area fully served by utilities and services. Expected issues relate only to providing adequate connections to the site and the location of utility lines on-site; no regional impacts are anticipated. The applicant intends to comply with all necessary County and service-provider requirements related to these services. Further, the County Impact Analysis Section will review the project and the applicant is providing CEQA documentation that will evaluate the adequacy of public utilities and services to the site.

## ATTACHMENT D

### GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT BURDEN OF PROOF

Answers to the following must be made complete and full (use additional sheets as necessary):

1. A need for the proposed General Plan Amendment exists because:  
SEE ATTACHED RESPONSES FOR MARINA PARCEL 21.

2. The particular amendment proposed is appropriate and proper because:  
SEE ATTACHED

3. Modified conditions warrant a revision to the County of Los Angeles General Plan because:  
SEE ATTACHED

4. Approval of the proposed General Plan Amendment will be in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare and in conformity with good planning practices because:  
SEE ATTACHED

### APPLICANT'S AFFIDAVIT

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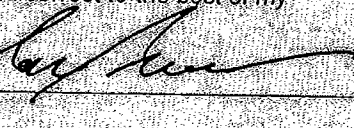
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Los Angeles County DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING 320 W. Temple St., (213) 974-6411

**GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT  
BURDEN OF PROOF - ATTACHMENT**

**1. A need for the proposed General Plan Amendment exists because:**

Modifications to Marina Local Coastal Program (LCP) Amendment No. 01-01 (LCP Amendment Case No. 98-172(4) in 2002) are necessary to allow for the transfer of 94 required public parking spaces from Parcel 0T to Parcel 21 and for the transfer of yacht club and marine commercial offices from Parcel 20 Phase II to Parcel 21. Parcel 21 of the Marina del Rey Land Use Plan (LUP) currently has two buildings on-site, a health club, marine commercial uses and corresponding public parking. Public parking on Parcel 0T is intended for use by visitors who want access to the Marina, particularly Mother's Beach. The proposed transfer of parking to Parcel 21 allows visitors to park in covered parking on the Marina and have safer pedestrian access to Mother's Beach because they no longer have to cross various streets. The transfer of public parking provides a more convenient way to access recreational activities on the Marina. The proposed General Plan Amendment for parking is needed in order to better provide better located and more easily accessible parking to marine recreational activities.

The transfer of the yacht club and marine commercial offices from Parcel 20 Phase II will allow for an integrated marine commercial project in a modern building with convenient, multi-level modern parking. The proposed project is in compliance with the policy framework set forth in the Marina LUP, which plans for a continuation of development and redevelopment in the Marina and states: "the next phase of development [is one] in which existing uses may be recycled or intensified, and new uses created." The proposed project would replace existing marine commercial uses and transfer approved marine commercial uses from an adjacent parcel (Parcel 20 Phase II), as well as add a small amount of new marine commercial use. Parcels 21 and 20 adjacent, and are both located in Development Zone (DZ) 4. As uses would be transferred from proximate locations within the same Development Zone, the applicant considers the changes to the plan to be a minor modification. A need for the proposed General Plan Amendment exists in order to provide for Intensified and relocated uses on the site into a new building with updated construction and to satisfy a market demand for updated marine-commercial development.

**2. The particular amendment proposed is appropriate and proper because:**

The proposed amendment is proper and appropriate because it provides for an improved public parking conditions (see Response 1, above), and because it does not eliminate public parking, but replaces it in a 1:1 ratio. In addition, the proposed project is appropriate and proper because the proposed project responds to the changing needs and market conditions in the Marina area. The project would provide a more unified appearance with the existing development (apartments on LUP Parcel 20 Phase I) and will provide a unified appearance for the project's combined transfer and new marine commercial uses (as compared with existing conditions).

**3. Modified conditions warrant a revision to the County of Los Angeles General Plan because:**

Please see Responses 1 and 2, above.

**4. Approval of the proposed General Plan Amendment will be in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare and in conformity with good planning practices because:**

The proposed project seeks to modify allowable uses between sites and to transfer approved uses from LUP Parcel 20 Phase II that was approved under LCP amendment No. 1-01. The consolidation of uses is needed to provide for a well-planned development with attached multi-level parking serving marine-commercial uses in the LUP area. The proposed project will result in a more unified and refurbished appearance to the uses on the Panay Way. The project is additionally compliant with good planning practices by recycling existing uses, and by providing an improved, public promenade (walkway) along the water front, with benches and potted plants, public restrooms, and an on-site public plaza (park). View corridors consistent with the LUP will also be provided, maintaining visual links to the waterfront.

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT  
BURDEN OF PROOF - ATTACHMENT

The transfer of public parking from its current location is necessary because it is in a poor location and under utilized. Therefore, current conditions warrant a revision to the County of Los Angeles General Plan (Marina del Rey Specific Plan/ Marina del Rey LUP). For these same reasons the project contributes to the safety, public health and general welfare of the community.

APPLICANT'S AFFIDAVIT

I (We) being duly sworn, depose and say that the foregoing answers and statements herein contained and the information submitted are in all respects true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

Executed this 2nd day of June 2006 at Culver City, CA  
*Holiday-Panay Way Marina, L.P., A California Limited Partnership*

Signed:

  
By: GKB Development Co., LLC, a California limited liability company  
By: Warren L. Breslow, Trustee of The Warren L. Breslow Trust



# ATTACHMENT E

## PARKING PERMIT BURDEN OF PROOF - ATTACHMENT

- A. That there will be no need for the number of parking spaces required by Part 11 of Chapter 22.52 because:

Only Section A4, above, is applicable to the proposed project request. As the proposed project is a retirement facility, a reduced number of parking spaces would be required, based upon studies at a similar facility in Culver City that is managed by the applicant. This justification for the reduced rate will be presented in a study by the project traffic engineer. In addition, 94 on-site Marina visitor parking spaces (Table 1) are to be transferred to Parcel 21. This transfer provides several advantages to Marina visitors, 1) the new location is adjacent to the Marina and in close proximity to Mother's Beach, 2) it provides safer pedestrian access to the Marina and Mother's Beach in that no street crossings would be required, and 3) it provides covered parking as opposed to the currently uncovered surface parking lot. The project parking plans are intended to provide adequate parking for the long-term Retirement Facility use (for the retirees, and facility visitors) as well as to provide adequate replacement parking for the displaced Marina visitor parking spaces that currently exist on-site.

**Table I**  
**Proposed Parking and Parking Replacement**

Existing	Proposed		On-Site Use	Off-Site Use
	On-Site	Off-Site		
186	92		Replaced Public Parking	
	42		Retirement Facility	
	20		Retail	
		94		Replaced and Transferred Public Parking (to Parcel 21) <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Total:</b> 186	154	94		

<sup>(a)</sup> Parcel 21 is part of the Holiday Harbor Courts Project, which is a related project under a separate development application.

- B. That there will be no conflicts arising from special parking arrangements allowing shared facilities, tandem spaces or compact spaces because:

The proposed project will provide parking adequate for a facility of this type (see Response A, above). The transfer of parking does not eliminate any public Marina visitor parking but replaces it equally on a 1:1 ratio in the Marina in a more convenient location that will be better utilized.

- C. That off-site facilities, leases of less than 20 years, rear lot transitional parking lots and uncovered residential parking lots and uncovered residential parking spaces will provide the required parking uses because:

The County of Los Angeles, the underlying landowner, grants and administers all leases in the Marina (specifically by the Department of Beaches and Harbors). The proposed uses are permanent, long-term uses. The parking requirements and locations will be determined by the County of Los Angeles and administered by the lessee/lessee's agent, County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors. Justification for the proposed parking will be provided, as noted above.

**PARKING PERMIT  
BURDEN OF PROOF - ATTACHMENT**

- D. That the requested parking permit at the location proposed will not result in traffic congestion, excessive off-site parking, or unauthorized use of parking facilities developed to serve surrounding property.**

The proposed project will not result in traffic congestion or excessive off-site parking. The project provides needed parking spaces on-site for the proposed new uses along with some public parking. Additional public parking will be transferred to Marina Parcel 21. Please see Responses A and B, above, for further details on parking requirements, requests and transfer. Vehicle traffic access for visitor parking will be more direct for access to Mother's Beach and the Marina. Therefore, vehicle and pedestrian traffic will be improved.

- E. That the proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in this ordinance.**

The proposed project received "approval in concept" from the LA County Department of Beaches and Harbors Design Control Board on August 18, 2005. Roadway access and project design will adhere to all County Fire Department and Public Works requirements and will be subject to the review and approval of those departments. In addition, the project will be required to abide by all conditions of the Coastal Development Permit, Conditional Use Permit and General Plan Amendment, which are being concurrently requested.



# ATTACHMENT F



## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT

### FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

Land Development Unit  
5823 Rickenbacker Road  
Commerce, California 90040

### TRANSMITTAL

**DATE:** March 25, 2009

**TO:** DRP - Michael Tripp, FPD Hawthorne - Marion Jaikowski,  
Agent - Daryl Starzer

**FROM:** Scott Jaeggi, Inspector   
(323) 890-4243  
sjaeggi@fire.lacounty.gov

**SUBJECT:** CUP R2006-02726 / Parcel 21 - 14025 Panay Way, Marina Del Rey

ATTACHED PLEASE FIND THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR THE ABOVE  
REFERENCED PROJECT. IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE  
TO CONTACT ME BY E-MAIL OR TELEPHONE.



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

5823 Rickenbacker Road  
Commerce, California 90040-3027

DATE: March 25, 2009

TO: Department of Regional Planning  
Permits and Variances

PROJECT #: CUP R2006-02726

LOCATION: Parcel 21 - 14025 Panay Way, Marina Del Rey

- ☐ The Fire Department Land Development Unit has no additional requirements for this permit.
- ☒ The required fire flow for this development is 5000 gallons per minute for 5 hours. The water mains in the street fronting this property must be capable of delivering this flow at 20 psi residual pressure. 3 Hydrant(s) flowing simultaneously may be used to achieve the required fire flow.
- ☒ The required fire flow for private on-site hydrants is 2500 gallons per minute at 20 psi. Each private on-site hydrant must be capable of flowing 1250 gallons per minute at 20 psi with two hydrants flowing simultaneously, one of which must be the furthest from the public water source.
- ☒ Verify 1 Install TBD 6" X 4" X 2 1/2" fire hydrant, conforming to AWWA C503-75 or approved equal. All installations must meet Fire Department specifications. Fire hydrant systems must be installed in accordance with the Utility Manual of Ordinance 7834 and all installations must be inspected and flow tested prior to final approval.
- ☒ Comments: THIS PROJECT IS CLEARED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEARING.
- ☒ Location: 1. Verify the nearest existing public fire hydrant to the property.  
2. Once the location of existing public fire hydrants is confirmed, the number and location of new fire hydrant installations will be determined.
- ☒ Access: 1. Submit architectural plans to the Fire Prevention Engineering Division in Hawthorne for review and approval prior to building permit issuance. For submittal requirements contact (310) 263-2732.
- ☒ Special Requirements: THE FOLLOWING ITEM SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT LAND DEVELOPMENT UNIT FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT:

1. An original Fire Flow Availability form (Form 196).

Fire Protection facilities; including access must be provided prior to and during construction. Should any questions arise regarding this matter, please feel free to call our office at (323) 890-4243.

Inspector: **SCOTT JAEGGI** 

Land Development Unit – Fire Prevention Division – Office (323) 890-4243 Fax (323) 890-9783

# ATTACHMENT G

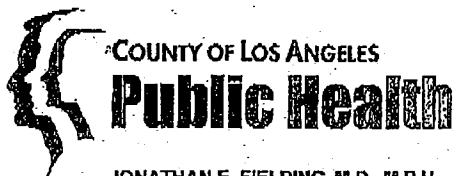
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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January 12, 2009

Mr. Michael Tripp  
Special Projects Section  
Los Angeles County  
Department of Regional Planning  
320 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: The Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts, Marina del Rey  
Parcels OT and 21, State Clearinghouse No. 2007021133

Dear Mr. Tripp: (

This is to inform you that upon review of all documents forwarded to our program by you and upon visiting the proposed project site location at the above address, it appears that the proposed construction project will have a significant noise impact upon the surrounding community during the grading and construction of the site. However, the surrounding community will have no significant noise impact on the above project.

The Screen-check Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) identifies two significant impacts before mitigation in the air quality element of the EIR. This document will address the mentioned Cumulative Air Quality and Local Significance Thresholds Impacts.

This document is not a health impact assessment. The recommendations given in this report are measures that should minimize the identified impacts in the air and noise elements of the EIR.

Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts  
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

The following comments and recommendations are therefore presented:

1. Construction activities should be restricted between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in order to minimize construction and haul route activities that would increase noise disturbance on surrounding residential and commercial land.
2. All construction equipment, fixed and mobile, shall be in proper operating condition and fitted with standard silencing devices. Proper engineering noise controls should be implemented when necessary on fixed equipment. It is recommended that a monitoring program be implemented by the applicant to monitor mobile sources.
3. It is recommended that the occupants of the surrounding sensitive land use be informed of the anticipated duration of the project, noise impact and any other pertinent information where people can register questions and complaints.
4. The project applicant shall post a notice at the construction site. The notice shall contain information on the type of project, anticipated duration of construction activity, and provide a phone number where people can register questions and complaints.
5. Pile drivers used during the foundation construction are required by building code regulation and therefore vibration impact and high intensity repetitive intrusive noise is expected and unavoidable. In order to minimize the impact associated with pile drivers it is recommended that such construction activity be limited to the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Also, if economically feasible, the use of a noise attenuation barrier around the pile driver should be implemented.
6. Staging and delivery areas should be located as far as feasible from existing residences and should be scheduled to take place from the mid-morning to mid-afternoon to take advantage of times when residential zones are less susceptible to annoyance from outside noise.
7. Maintaining equipment in an idling mode shall be minimized. This practice helps minimize the impact associated with noise engine, particulate matter and green gas emissions.
8. Any semi-stationary piece of equipment that operates under full power for more than sixty minutes per day shall have a temporary 1/4 inch plywood screen if there is a direct line of sight to any residential bedroom window from the equipment to homes along the perimeter of the construction site.

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Marina del Rey, CA 90292

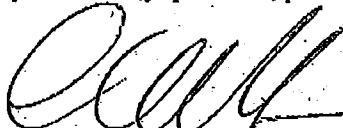
**Particle matter emissions (PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>) and Greenhouse Gases**

The evaluation of particle emissions are now being routinely addressed in preliminary environmental impact reports. Recent research shows significant health risk to populations including children and people of advanced age when exposed to these pollutants. As a result environmental impact reports, including this report, should now address these issues.

The proposed project may result in exposure to these particle emissions to the surrounding community especially during the construction phase of the project, which may include people that belong to high risk populations.

- a. Configure construction parking to minimize traffic interference.
- b. Schedule construction activities that affect traffic flow on the arterial system to off-peak hours as permitted.
- c. Consolidate truck deliveries when possible.
- d. Maintain equipment and vehicle engines in good condition and in proper tune according to manufacturers' specifications and per SCAQMD rules, to minimize exhaust emissions.
- e. Suspend use of all construction equipment operations during second stage smog alerts. Contact the SCAQMD at 800/242-4022 for daily forecasts.
- f. Use electricity from power poles rather than temporary diesel- or gasoline-powered generators.
- g. Use methanol- or natural gas-powered mobile equipment and pile drivers instead of diesel if readily available at competitive prices.
- h. Use propane- or butane-powered on-site mobile equipment instead of gasoline if readily available at competitive prices.

If you have any questions, please contact Evenor Masis at (626)430-5435.

  
Cole Landowski, M.S., CIH  
Head, Environmental Hygiene Program



GAIL FARBER, Director

**ATTACHMENT H**  
**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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August 11, 2009

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO FILE: **LD-1**

TO: Mark Child, AICP  
Zoning Permits I Section  
Department of Regional Planning

Attention Michael Tripp

FROM:  Steve Burger  
Land Development Division  
Department of Public Works

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) NO. CUP 200600115**  
**PROJECT NO. R2006-01510**  
**PARCEL OT-OCEANA RETIREMENT**  
**4220 ADMIRALTY WAY**  
**MARINA DEL REY AREA**

- ☒ Public Works recommends approval of this CUP.
- ☐ Public Works does **NOT** recommend approval of this CUP.

This supersedes our memorandum dated June 25, 2009. We reviewed the site plan for the subject CUP. The development is for the construction of a 114-unit retirement facility, retail space, attached parking structures and the transfer of 94 parking spaces to Parcel 2,1 Phase 1. The project is located in the unincorporated County of Los Angeles area of Marina Del Rey.

Upon approval of the site plan, we recommend the following conditions:

1. Geotechnical

- 1.1. Prior to grading or building permit, obtain approval for geotechnical reports from Public Works' Geology and Material Engineering Division addressing all items in the outstanding soils and geologic review sheets dated February 2, 2009, and February 5, 2009.

For questions regarding the items above, contact Jeremy Wan at (626) 458-4925.

2. Sewer

- 2.1. Prior to grading or building permit, obtain approval for the sewer relocation per Private Contract No. 12041 currently in plan check with Public Works' Land Development Division. Existing sewer easement for abandon sewer should be vacated.

For questions regarding the items above, please contact Tony Khalkhali at (626) 458-4921.

3. Sewer Maintenance

- 3.1. On all applicable plans, show the ownership of all County of Los Angeles sewer lines clearly as "County of Los Angeles CSMD sewer line." Clearly label sewer lines to be abandoned and proposed sewer lines on all pages.
- 3.2. Site Plan Sheet 2-4: Clearly label proposed sewer line as "Proposed 10" County of Los Angeles CSMD sewer line." All new sewer line requires a minimum 10 feet sanitary sewer easement, 5 feet on each side, dedicated to the County of Los Angeles. Easement must be separate and independent from all other easement.

For questions regarding the items above, please contact please contact James Hilovsky (626) 300-3363.

4. Water

- 4.1. A water system maintained by the water purveyor, with appurtenant facilities to serve all proposed buildings, must be provided. The system shall include fire hydrants of the type and location for both on-site and off-site as determined by the Fire Department. The water mains shall be sized to accommodate the total domestic and fire flows.
- 4.2. There shall be on filed with Public Works a statement from the water purveyor indicating that the water system will be operated by the purveyor and that under normal conditions, the system will meet the requirements for the proposed land use, and that water service will be provided to each building.
- 4.3. If needed, easements shall be granted to the County, appropriate agency or entity for the purpose of ingress, egress, construction, and maintenance of all infrastructures constructed for this project to the satisfaction of Public Works.



4.4. Relocation and upsizing of existing water system facilities in conflict with proposed project via one of the three following options:

1. Should the timing of the District's water main project result in its construction prior to approval of the proposed project, the District would upsize the water main in its current location, as planned. During construction of the proposed project, the applicant would then relocate the upsized water main approximately 36 feet to the northeast and abandon the current alignment. The applicant shall be responsible for the costs of relocating the water main in this situation.
2. If the proposed project is approved prior to the District initiating construction of the water main project, the District would upsize the water main in the proposed alignment, approximately 36 feet to the northeast of the current alignment, and abandon the current alignment. Under this scenario, the applicant shall be responsible for compensating the District for costs associated with design and construction of the water main in the new alignment to accommodate the project. Applicant would also be responsible for compensating the District for costs associated with the replacement of trees impacted by construction activities.
3. Should the proposed project be approved and ready for construction prior to the District's water main project, the applicant would have the option to construct the upsized water main in the proposed alignment, approximately 36 feet to the northwest of the current alignment and abandon the existing alignment. The applicant shall be responsible for the costs of designing and constructing the water main in the new alignment in this situation.

4.5. The construction of on-site facilities shall meet all health and safety codes, and all domestic water service meter and fire protection connections shall have a backflow device to prevent contamination of the public water system.

4.6. Submit landscape and irrigation plans for the common area in the project, with landscape area greater than or equal to 2,500 square feet, in accordance with the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

For questions regarding the items above, please contact Tony Khalkhali at (626) 458-4921.

5. Drainage

- 5.1. Comply with the requirements of the Drainage Concept/Hydrology Study/Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) approved on June 10 2009, to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works prior to Building Permit.
- 5.2. Obtain a permit from City of Los Angeles for proposed parkway drains and discharge onto Washington Boulevard to the satisfaction of Public Works prior to Building Permit.

For questions regarding the items above, please contact Amir Ibrahim at (626) 458-5915.

6. Grading

- 6.1. Prior to building permit, obtain approval for grading plan from Public Works' Land Development Division. The grading plan must show and call out the following items, including but not limited to: construction of all drainage devices and details, paved driveways, elevation and drainage of all pads, SUSMP and Low-Impact Development devices (if applicable), and any required landscaping and irrigation. Acknowledgement and/or approval from all easement holders may be required.
- 6.2. A maintenance agreement may be required prior to grading plan approval for privately maintained drainage devices including any onsite SUSMP devices.
- 6.3. Provide approval of grading plan by Public Works' Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division.
- 6.4. Acquire permits and/or letters of nonjurisdiction from all State and Federal agencies, as applicable. These agencies may include, but may not be limited to the California Coastal Commission, State of California Regional Water Quality Control Board, State of California Department of Fish and Game, State of California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources, and the Army Corps of Engineers.

For questions regarding the items above, contact Sam Richards at (626) 458-4921.

7. Road Improvements

- 7.1. Close any unused driveway with standard curb, gutter, and sidewalk along the property frontage on Admiralty Way to the satisfaction of Public Works.
- 7.2. Reconstruct any non-American with Disabilities Act conforming parkway improvements (sidewalk, driveways, curb ramps, landings, etc) that either serve or form a part of a Pedestrian Access Route to meet current American with Disabilities Act requirements to the satisfaction of Public Works.
- 7.3. Provide 8-foot sidewalks along the property frontage on Admiralty Way to the satisfaction of Public Works. The County will initiate the set-aside process.
- 7.4. Reconstruct full-width sidewalk along the property frontage on Washington Boulevard to the satisfaction of Public Works and the City of Los Angeles.
- 7.5. Reconstruct curb, base, pavement, longitudinal gutter on the westerly alley along the property frontage to the satisfaction of Public Works.
- 7.6. Provide adequate line of sight for pedestrians from all proposed driveways from the parking structure to the satisfaction of Public Works.
- 7.7. Repair any curb, gutter, driveways, pavement, and sidewalk damaged during construction.
- 7.8. Plant street trees on Admiralty Way and Washington Boulevard along the property frontages to the satisfaction of Public Works. Existing trees within the existing road right of way if not accepted as street trees will be removed and replaced with approved street trees to the satisfaction of Public Works and the City of Los Angeles (for Washington Boulevard).
- 7.9. Underground all new utility lines to the satisfaction of Public Works and Southern California Edison. Please contact Construction Division at (626) 458-3129 for new location of any above ground utility structure in the parkway.
- 7.10. Prior to obtaining grading permit, acquire street plan approval or direct check status from Public Works' Land Development Division.

7.11. Prior to issuance of a grading permit or a building permit, whichever come first, execute an Agreement to Improve for the street improvements. For information regarding Agreement to Improve, contact Ruben Cruz at (626)458-4910.

For questions regarding the items above, contact Sam Richards at (626) 458-4921.

8. Traffic

8.1. Comply with the mitigation and/or fairshare requirements set forth in the attached letter dated November 24, 2008, from Public Works' Traffic and Lighting Division.

For questions regarding the traffic comments, contact Jeff Pletyak at (626) 300-4721.

9. Street Lighting Requirements

- 9.1. Provide Street lights on concrete poles with underground wiring along the property frontage on Admiralty Way to the satisfaction of Public Works. Submit street lighting plans showing all existing lights along with existing and/or proposed underground utilities plans as soon as possible to the Traffic and Lighting Division, Street Lighting Section.
- 9.2. Washington Boulevard is within the City of Los Angeles, Contact the City Bureau of Street Lighting for the City's street light requirements.
- 9.3. Upon approval of the CUP, the applicant shall enter into a secured agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the installation of the street lights in the amount of \$15,000.00 (subject to revision at the time of street lighting plan approval). The applicant shall comply with the conditions listed below in order for the lighting districts to pay for the future operation and maintenance of the street lights.
- 9.4. All street light in the project, or approved project phase, must be constructed according to Public Works-approved plans. The contractor shall submit one complete As-built plans. Provided the above conditions are met, the Lighting District can assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the street lights by July 1 of any given year, provided all street lights have been energized and the developer has requested a transfer of billing at least by January 1 of the previous year. The transfer of billing could be delayed

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one or more year if the above conditions are not met. The Lighting District cannot pay for the operation and maintenance of street lights located within gated community.

For questions regarding the items above, please contact David Stringer at (626) 300-4754.

If you have any other questions or require additional information, please contact Simin Agahi or Toan Duong at (626) 458-4910.

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November 24, 2008

Mr. Jonathan Louie  
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Dear Mr. Louie:

**OCEANA RETIREMENT FACILITY AND HOLIDAY HARBOR COURTS PROJECTS  
MARINA DEL REY PARCEL NOS. OT AND 21  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS 06115 AND 06223  
TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS (JUNE 25, 2008)  
MARINA DEL REY AREA**

As requested, we have reviewed the revised Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) for the proposed Oceana Retirement Facility project located on the County-owned Parcel No. OT in the Oxford Development Zone (DZ) 6 at 4445 Admiralty Way east of Palawan Way and the proposed Holiday Harbor Courts project located on the County-owned Parcel No. 21 in the Panay DZ 4 at 14025 Panay Way east of Via Marina with a builtout year of 2014 instead of 2010. Both projects are located in the unincorporated County of Los Angeles area of Marina del Rey. This memo supersedes our previous memo dated February 27, 2008.

The Oceana Retirement Facility project proposes to develop a six-floor, 114-unit retirement facility, which would house an estimated population of 145 residents. The facility will include retail space, a lobby, two lounges, two card rooms, a chapel, administration and reception offices, a dining room, a library, arts and crafts room, laundry facilities, a trash and mailroom, a kitchen, a beauty salon, and on-site parking. The Oceana Retirement Facility project is estimated to generate a net increase of approximately 387 vehicle trips daily, with 10 and 41 vehicle trips during the a.m. and p.m. peak hours, respectively.

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The Holiday Harbor Courts project proposes to replace the existing on-site marine commercial office, health club, and retail uses with a new five-floor structure housing marine commercial office, health club, yacht club, and retail uses, as well as, a public park plaza, promenade, and on-site parking. The Holiday Harbor Courts project is estimated to generate a net decrease of approximately 19 vehicle trips daily, with a net increase of 2 and a net decrease of 11 vehicle trips during the a.m. and p.m. peak hours, respectively. Both projects combined are estimated to generate a net increase of approximately 278 vehicle trips daily, with 12 and 30 vehicle trips during the a.m. and p.m. peak hours, respectively.

The traffic generated cumulatively by both projects and with other related projects will exceed the significance threshold as defined in our TIA Report Guidelines at the three intersections listed below. We agree with the TIA that mitigation measures which are identified in the Marina del Rey Local Implementation Program (MDR LIP) will fully mitigate the direct and cumulative impacts to these three intersections. As required by the MDR Local Coastal Plan (LCP), the project shall pay the LCP traffic mitigation fee of \$5,690 per p.m. peak-hour trip for Category 1 and 3 improvements. Based on the 30 estimated project p.m. peak-hour trips, the project's fair share of the LCP Transportation Improvement Program fee is \$170,700 of which \$47,760 will go toward the Category 1 transportation improvements and the remaining \$122,940 will go toward the Category 3 transportation improvements. The project shall submit payment to Public Works, Marina del Rey Traffic Mitigation Fee Account No. TF2 7703, upon approval of the project.

- Admiralty Way at Via Marina

We agree with the TIA's recommendation to reconstruct the intersection to realign Admiralty Way as a through roadway with the southern leg of Via Marina as proposed under the MDR LIP Category 3 improvements, rather than widen the south side of Admiralty Way to accommodate a triple westbound left-turn movement as proposed under the MDR LIP Category 1 improvements.

- Admiralty Way at Mindanao Way

The addition of a northbound right-turn lane as proposed under the MDR LIP Category 1 improvements is not feasible due to right of way constraints. We agree with the TIA's recommendation to add a second southbound left-turn lane. We also recommend converting the shared left-turn/through lane to a shared left-/through/right-turn lane on the westbound approach, modifying the traffic signal to provide a westbound

right-turn phase concurrent with the southbound left-turn movement, and optimizing the signal operation at adjacent intersections to mitigate the project's cumulative traffic impact at the intersection.

- Admiralty Way at Bali Way

Although the TIA's recommendation to widen Admiralty Way from Fiji Way to Via Marina to provide a third westbound/northbound through lane as proposed under the MDR LIP Category 1 improvements will mitigate the project's impact, we recommend instead adding a second southbound left-turn lane.

No feasible physical improvements are currently available to mitigate the potential cumulative impact for the five intersections listed below. The TIA indicates the proposed extension of State Route 90 (SR-90) to connect to Admiralty Way will mitigate the cumulative impact at these intersections. Although the SR-90 extension is not a programmed project, it is one of several potential regional transportation circulation improvements identified under the MDR LIP Category 3 improvements. These five intersections will have significant cumulative impacts until the SR-90 extension or another project of equal effectiveness is constructed. Therefore, please ensure that these unmitigated impacts are properly described in the project's revised TIA and subsequent Environmental Impact Report.

- Lincoln Boulevard at Washington Boulevard
- Lincoln Boulevard at SR-90 (Marina Expressway)
- Lincoln Boulevard at Bali Way
- Lincoln Boulevard at Mindanao Way
- Lincoln Boulevard at Fiji Way

The intersections listed below need to be improved to adequately handle the cumulative traffic generated by the project and other related projects. The project shall contribute its proportionate share of the cost for these improvements. Detailed striping and signal modification plans and cost estimates shall be submitted to Public Works for review and approval.

- Admiralty Way at Palawan Way

North approach: One left-turn lane, one shared left-turn/through lane, and an exclusive right-turn lane instead of one left-turn lane, one through lane, and an exclusive right-turn lane (convert through lane to shared left-turn/through lane). This alternative appears to be feasible and



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provides a better Level of Service (LOS) than the alternative to convert one through lane into a second left-turn lane to Admiralty Way as proposed under the MDR LIP Category 1 improvements.

East approach: One left-turn, two through lanes, and one shared through/right-turn lane instead of one left-turn lane, one through lane, and one shared through/right-turn lane (add second through lane).

South approach: One left-turn and one shared through/right-turn lane instead of one shared left-turn/through lane and one shared through/right-turn lane (convert shared left-turn/through lane to left-turn lane). This alternative appears to be feasible and provides a better LOS than the alternative to provide a separate right-turn lane to Admiralty Way as proposed under the MDR LIP Category 1 improvements.

- Washington Boulevard at Ocean Avenue/Via Marina

Although no physical improvements are feasible at this intersection, the improvements recommended for the adjacent intersection of Washington Boulevard at Palawan Way will provide adequate mitigation.

- Washington Boulevard at Palawan Way

South approach: Two northbound left-turn lanes and an exclusive right-turn lane (add two left-turn lanes).

Install a new traffic signal and, as necessary, modify traffic signal at the intersection of Palawan Way at Admiralty Way. The project's prorata share is 3.8 percent which is \$12,635 based on the total improvement cost estimated at \$332,500. This improvement was reviewed and approved by the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (copy enclosed).

The project shall dedicate the necessary right of way for the future roadway widening along Admiralty Way and widening of sidewalk to 8 feet wide along the project frontage on Admiralty Way.

The project shall submit a 40-foot-scale site plan of the project showing access locations in relationship to adjacent intersections and driveways to our Land Development Division for review and approval.

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**MDR LCP Compliance**

The project is well within the MDR LCP potential development entitlement of 2,750 p.m. peak-hour trips. The project's request to transfer the development potential of 114 hotel rooms and 5,000 square feet of office space from the Admiralty DZ 7 to Oxford DZ 6 will require an amendment to the LCP. We advise the project's representatives to consult with the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) to assess the requirements for obtaining the necessary approvals for this amendment.

Chapter 22.46 of the Los Angeles County Code (also known as the Marina del Rey Specific Plan) states for Parcel No. OT that development of uses other than public parking shall be conditioned to provide replacement public parking on-site or elsewhere in the marina on a one-to-one basis such that there is no net reduction on public parking spaces. The project's proposed relocation of 94 existing parking spaces from Parcel No. OT to Parcel No. 21 may conflict with the Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH) pursuit for rights to relocate 260 other parking spaces to Parcel No. 21. We advise the project's representatives to consult with DRP and DBH to assess all parking lot redevelopment and parking space relocation for Parcel No. 21.


The Cities of Culver City and Los Angeles and Caltrans shall be consulted to obtain its written concurrence with the California Environmental Quality Act level of significance determination as soon as possible and/or before the public review period.

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If you have any questions regarding the traffic analysis, please contact Mr. Suen Fei Lau of our Traffic Studies Section at (626) 300-4820.

Very truly yours,

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Acting Director of Public Works

  
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**ATTACHMENT I**

September 21, 2009

Mr. Michael Tripp  
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Department of Regional Planning  
320 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Tripp:

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is in receipt of the Draft EIR for the Oceana Retirement Facility & Holiday Harbor Courts Project. This letter conveys recommendations concerning issues that are germane to Metro's statutory responsibilities in relation to the proposed project.

The Traffic Impact Analysis prepared for the Draft EIR satisfies the traffic and transit requirements of the proposed project. However, the following issue should be addressed for the Final EIR:

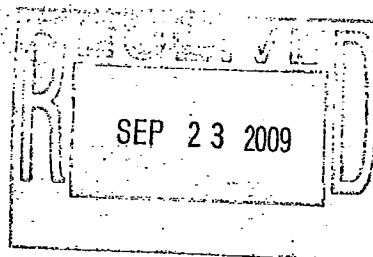
Several transit corridors with Metro bus service could be impacted by the project. Metro Bus Operations Control Special Events Coordinator should be contacted at 213-922-4632 regarding construction activities that may impact Metro bus lines. Other Municipal Bus Service Operators may also be impacted and therefore should be included in construction outreach efforts.

Metro looks forward to reviewing the Final EIR. If you have any questions regarding this response, please call me at 213-922-6908 or by email at chapmans@metro.net. Please send the Final EIR to the following address:

Metro CEQA Review Coordination  
One Gateway Plaza MS 99-23-2  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952  
Attn: Susan Chapman

Sincerely,

Susan F. Chapman  
Program Manager, Long Range Planning





# ATTACHMENT J

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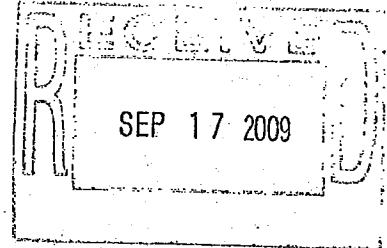
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September 15, 2009



Mr. Michael Tripp, Project Planner

### LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

320 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: SCH#2007021133: CEQA Notice of Completion: draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Court Project; located in the Marina Del Rey/ Ballona Creek Area, Los Angeles County, California

Dear Mr. Tripp:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) is the state 'trustee agency' pursuant to Public Resources Code §21070 for the protection and preservation of California's Native American Cultural Resources. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA - CA Public Resources Code §21000-21177, amended in 2009) requires that any project that causes a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource, that includes archaeological resources, is a 'significant effect' requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) per the California Code of Regulations §15064.5(b)(6)(f) CEQA guidelines. Section 15382 of the CEQA Guidelines defines a significant impact on the environment as "a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of physical conditions within an area affected by the proposed project, including ... objects of historic or aesthetic significance." In order to comply with this provision, the lead agency is required to assess whether the project will have an adverse impact on these resources within the 'area of potential effect (APE)', and if so, to mitigate that effect. To adequately assess the project-related impacts on historical resources, the Commission recommends the following:

The Native American Heritage Commission did perform a Sacred Lands File (SLF) search in the NAHC SLF Inventory, established by the Legislature pursuant to Public Resources Code §5097.94(a) and Native American Cultural resources were not identified within one-half mile of the APEs. However, there are Native American cultural resources in close proximity to the APE. Early consultation with Native American tribes in your area is the best way to avoid unanticipated discoveries once a project is underway. Enclosed are the names of the nearest tribes and interested Native American individuals that the NAHC recommends as 'consulting parties,' for this purpose, that may have knowledge of the religious and cultural significance of the historic properties in the project area (e.g. APE). We recommend that you contact persons on the attached list of Native American contacts. A Native American Tribe or Tribal Elder may be the only source of information about a cultural resource. Also, the NAHC recommends that a Native American Monitor or person be employed whenever a professional archaeologist is employed during the 'Initial Study' and in other phases of the environmental study. Furthermore we suggest that you contact the California Historic Resources Information System (CHRIS) at the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) Coordinator's office (at (916) 653-7278; for referral to the nearest OHP Information Center of which there are 11).

Consultation with tribes and interested Native American tribes and individuals, as consulting parties, on the NAHC list, should be conducted in compliance with the requirements of federal NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321-43351) and Section 106 and 4(f) of federal NHPA (16 U.S.C. 470 (f) et seq), and NAGPRA (25 U.S.C. 3001-3013), as appropriate.

Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in Section 15370 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) when significant cultural resources could be affected by a project. Also, Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 and Health & Safety Code Section 7050.5 provide for provisions for accidentally discovered archeological resources during construction and mandate the processes to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a project location other than a 'dedicated cemetery'. Discussion of these should be included in your environmental documents, as appropriate.

The authority for the SLF record search of the NAHC Sacred Lands Inventory, established by the California Legislature, is California Public Resources Code §5097.94(a) and is exempt from the CA Public Records Act (c.f. California Government Code §6254.10). The results of the SLF search are confidential. However, Native Americans on the attached contact list are not prohibited from and may wish to reveal the nature of identified cultural resources/historic properties. Confidentiality of "historic properties of religious and cultural significance" may also be protected the under Section 304 of the NHPA or at the Secretary of the Interior' discretion if not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Secretary may also be advised by the federal Indian Religious Freedom Act (cf. 42 U.S.C. 1996) in issuing a decision on whether or not to disclose items of religious and/or cultural significance identified in or near the APE and possibly threatened by proposed project activity.

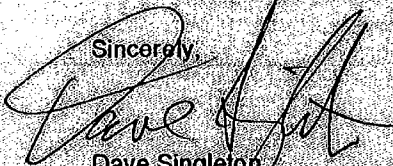
CEQA Guidelines, Section 15064.5(d) requires the lead agency to work with the Native Americans identified by this Commission if the initial study identifies the presence or likely presence of Native American human remains within the APE. CEQA Guidelines provide for agreements with Native American, identified by the NAHC, to assure the appropriate and dignified treatment of Native American human remains and any associated grave liens.

Health and Safety Code §7050.5, Public Resources Code §5097.98 and Sec. §15064.5 (d) of the California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines) mandate procedures to be followed, including that construction or excavation be stopped in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery until the county coroner or medical examiner can determine whether the remains are those of a Native American. Note that §7052 of the Health & Safety Code states that disturbance of Native American cemeteries is a felony.

Again, Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in §15370 of the California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines), when significant cultural resources are discovered during the course of project planning and implementation.

Please feel free to contact me at (916) 653-6251 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Program Analyst

Attachment: List of Native American Contacts

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This list is current only as of the date of this document.

Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code, and federal NEPA (42 USC 4321-43351), NHPA Sections 106, 4(f) (16 USC 470(f) and NAGPRA (25 USC 3001-3013)

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources for the proposed CH#2007021133: CEQA Notice of Completion: draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Oceana Retirement



Los Angeles County  
Department of Regional Planning

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Jon Sanabria  
Acting Director of Planning

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND AVAILABILITY  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE  
OCEANA RETIREMENT FACILITY/HOLIDAY HARBOR COURTS PROJECT  
STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER 2007021133  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROJECTS R2006-01510-(4) AND R2006-02726-(4)**

Parcel OT

Project R2006-01510  
RPA200600005  
RCDP200600002  
RCUP200600115  
RPPK200600009  
RENV200600109

Parcel 21

Project R2006-02726  
RPA200600010  
RCDP200600003  
RCUP200600223  
RPPK200600015  
RENV200700177

Notice is hereby given that the Regional Planning Commission of Los Angeles County will conduct a public hearing concerning these proposed land developments on **October 21, 2009**, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 150, Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. Interested persons will be given an opportunity to testify. The Draft Environmental Impact Report associated with this project will also be considered.\*

General description of the proposal: The proposed project is the Oceana Retirement Facility and Holiday Harbor Courts Project on Parcels OT and 21. The project consists of two components requiring two **Coastal Development Permits**, two **Conditional Use Permits**, two **Parking Permits**, and two **Plan Amendments** to the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program. Component One (Parcel OT) consists of demolishing an existing 186 space parking lot to build a 114-unit Senior Accommodations Facility. Component Two (Parcel 21) consists of demolishing two existing commercial buildings and a paved parking area to construct a new commercial building, a six-level parking structure, a pedestrian promenade, and a five foot wide sidewalk along the Panay Way frontage. Approximately 7,768 cubic yards of grading will be required with excess cut material to be exported to a landfill located in Los Angeles County.

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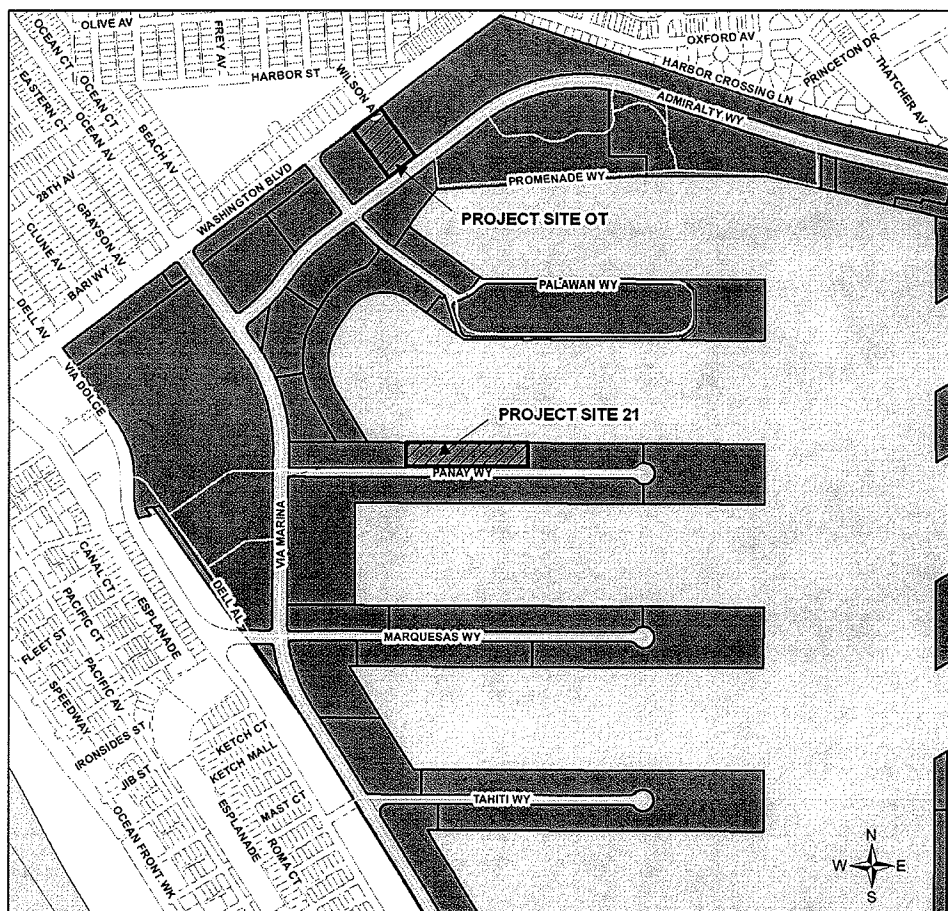
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RCDP200600002  
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